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Vegetable owners send their goods direct to the markets, instead of passing through the Government Vegetables Wholesale Market, because they want to get them there quicker and save the 10 per cent. commission charged by Government.

Woman In Tears At Central

Weeping bitterly, Chui Kwai-fong, 35, protested that she was innocent when charged at Central yesterday with loitering and causing an obstruction.

Chui said that she had just been let out of prison and had gone to a Chinese theatre. As she was feeling miserable she and her friend (appearing on a similar charge and also pleading not guilty) had left the theatre and were walking across Hennessy Road when they were arrested.

Corroborating evidence was given by the friend, Chan Kau, but she could not remember what play they had seen nor the names of the actors.

Chui was let off with a caution and Chan was bound over in lieu of \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The woman was arrested by Inspector J. Hayward and a party of police from Wanchai Police Station.

POLICE LOOKING FOR A LADY

The police are anxious to contact a lady who had her handbag snatched from her, or possibly stolen from her, car in Jackson Road some time on Wednesday.

The bag in question is rectangular in shape and red in colour with a sum of money besides other contents.

The police will be glad if the claimant with call at the Central Charge Room, Central Police Station.

This was revealed by Senior Market Inspector Denny Ng when Lam Kwok-ping, driver, and Lui Chi-on, tallyman, were charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with illegally transporting 1,210 cabbages of vegetable to Koon Chung Market on Wednesday evening.

Inspector J. Orem said that both defendants pleaded that they were merely instructed to convey the vegetables to the market and that they did not know who the owners were. The total value of the goods was \$347.

He had been asked, he said, to apply for the confiscation of the vegetables to charitable institutions.

Saving Commission
"Why?" asked the magistrate. "Have they charged their policy against? Formerly, it was to be sold and the money paid into the Treasury. Now, the goods are to be distributed to charity."

Asked why owners should prefer to run the risk of having their goods confiscated instead of sending them to the wholesale market, Mr. Ng said that it was because they wanted to save the 10 per cent. commission and also to get the vegetables to the markets quicker.

Holding that the two accused were merely employees of the market, Mr. Latimer discharged them with a caution. The vegetables were ordered to be confiscated and given to charity.

Stag Hotel Dispute

Proceedings in the Stag Hotel partnership dispute before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. T. J. Gould) yesterday were mainly occupied with the continued examination in chief of first defendant, Lo Kar-yam.

On the conclusion of the examination in the afternoon, Lo was cross-examined by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, counsel for the plaintiffs.

Hearing was adjourned until today.

The dispute is over the question whether the original partnership under the name of the Stag Hotel was dissolved and replaced by a new partnership, Hop Kee, formed during the Japanese occupation, of which Lo Kar-yam and his wife claim more than 40 per cent shares.

Judgment Reserved

Mr. Hin-shing Lo reserved judgment for one week in a case at Central yesterday in which four men, Wong Keng, 2, Luk Sang, 20, Man Che-cho, 32, and Yau Kiu, 40, were charged with conspiring together to rob the occupants of a house in Gloucester Road, and possession of one revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

First two defendants pleaded guilty and the other two denied having anything to do with this affair, or the other two defendants.

Yesterday fourth defendant gave evidence that he was looking for a banana hawk who he thought hid his pitch in the Southern Playground. When he could not find him there he was walking down Hennessy Road to see if he had moved, when the police arrested him. He was walking behind the other three defendants.

Defendant also called a witness to say he was a travelling trader with a good reputation and was not a thief or a robber.

Inspector Roderick F. MacKenzie is in charge of the case.

CONDOLENCES FROM LONDON

A message of condolence was received by the Hong Kong Government yesterday from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. A. Creech Jones, in respect of last Friday's sinking of the ferry launch, Man Kwong.

The message said: "Reverent to the memory of the late Mr. A. Creech Jones, please extend a sincere expression of my sympathy to the relatives of those who lost their lives."

The ferry launch sank off Ping Chau, about 10 miles west of Hong Kong, after striking a submerged mine. One of the passengers, a Mr. Chan, was killed and others are still missing.

Stabbed For Bed Space

Convicted on a charge of stabbing and causing bodily harm, Lau Tin, aged 25 and Cheung Kan, aged 22, coolies, were each sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector Lowe said that Sher Chiu-shing retired early on the night of June 12 on the footpath outside No. 284 Des Voeux Road Central, together with other coolies.

During the early hours of the following morning, first defendant awoke complaining and said that he was occupying his sleeping place.

An argument arose and both slipped each other. It ended with defendant leaving hurriedly.

Shortly after first defendant's departure, he returned with a few other men. Sher sensing trouble, ran away and hid.

After waiting some time, and thinking that his assailant might have left, he came out, but again met defendant. He was assaulted and stabbed and was only saved when his cries for help brought his comrades on the scene. Meanwhile defendant had escaped, but was later arrested on information supplied to the police.

After evidence had been given by various witnesses, first defendant admitted to the magistrate that he was the man that did the stabbing and was the originator of all the trouble.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of smallpox have been removed. It was officially announced yesterday.

Similar restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bombay on account of plague have also been lifted.

CHINESE OPERA

A Chinese Opera in aid of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children will be performed at the Kowloon Theatre on three consecutive nights beginning today at 9 p.m. The booking office for the evening will be open between 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the Theatre.

EUROPEANS COME UP AT SESSIONS

The July Criminal Session opens on Monday when pleas in 18 cases will be taken.

The list includes the alleged Van Heutsz pirates, Ling Cheuk-wah, Keung Kin-chung alias Lau Pui, Ling Chong-kai alias Ling Chung, and Chan Chung-nam alias Chan Chik, who were committed from Kowloon Court.

Douglas Jamieson and Stanley Hulme, on a charge of robbery with violence, is also down for hearing at the same session.

The other cases are:—
Cheng Kwok-ling, for murder; and alternatively for attempted murder and wounding with intent.

Wong Wah alias Wong Yiu, for robbery by two or more.

Chung Kwong and So Yau, on charges of armed robbery and a charge of possession of arms and ammunition. So Yau is also on a charge of deportation order charge.

Wong Suk-ang, on two charges of robbery by two or more and one of possession of arms and ammunition.

Chung Yin-pung, on charges of assault with intent to rob, rape, and possession of arms and ammunition.

Tso Tak-ling and Cheung Wai-ming, on a charge of demanding money with menaces.

Leung Wing, and Lau Kan alias Lo Pang alias Lau Luk alias Lo Kan, each on a charge of breach of deportation order.

Shiu Kwok-sang, on a charge of throwing corrosive fluid.

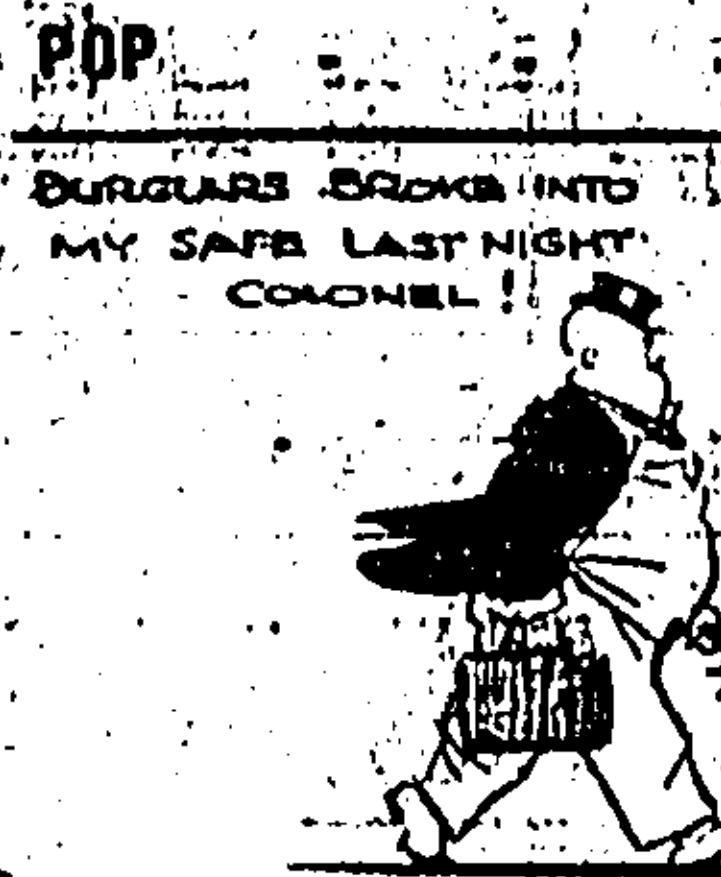
Shiek Chan, on six charges of (1) forgery of document (2) uttering a forged document (3) obtaining property on forged document (4) forging valuable security (5) uttering a forged document and (6) obtaining property on forged document.

Adjudged Cases

The following three cases, adjourned from last session, are also down for hearing:—
Leung Wing and Leung Ngau, on charges of assault with intent to rob, and attempt to rob.

Lau Hoi alias Lau Yuen-hoi, and Ho Cheuk-kei, on two charges of armed robbery.

Chan Tien-kam, on charges of forcible taking with intent to procure a ransom, uttering a forged document, and demanding money with menaces.



Two Japanese To Die For War Crime

Two former officers of the Japanese Imperial Army were sentenced to death for the brutal murder of two Allied airmen at Toag, Kai Islands, in 1944, by the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

They are Lieutenant-Colonel Kondo Hideo and Lieutenant Iwasaki Yoshio, both charged with the murder by hydrocyanic acid gas grenade of Flight Lieutenant Arthur Douglas Nelson, RAAF, and Sergeant F. Englishman, NECAF.

A third accused, Major Otusko Yusanami, was acquitted by the four-man military tribunal.

The Court, comprising Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. B. Pullen (President), Major J. K. Lloyd, Lieutenant-Colonel N. F. Quinton and Captain M. B. Thindale, reached its verdict on Wednesday after a three-week trial. The death sentences were pronounced yesterday.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div. SCAP, (GHQ), Tokyo, presided, while the accused were defended by Mr. T. J. Gould and Mr. Kakichi Masao, Captain Wogun Brown sat as advisory officer to the defence.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kondo claimed to be a former pilot of the children of Emperor Hirohito. Another when Sergeant Major Kuroda Elchi, former member of the POW Camp Administration Staff, Thailand, will be charged with the inhumane treatment of American, British and other allied POWs between December, 1943, and December, 1945.

Major J. H. Spiller, Australian War Crimes, Hong Kong, will prosecute. Mr. George Sugino will defend the accused.

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STORY OF MATERNAL DEVOTION

Maternal and filial love, tearfully demonstrated in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court at Kowloon yesterday, moved the magistrate to pity and resulted in a mother and her 21-year-old son being reunited in the cells and, later, in exile.

When Ko Shing-chuen, who was expelled from the Colony on February 10 last, was ordered by Mr. Latimer to be re-expelled after serving a sentence of six weeks' hard labour, he pleaded for his mother to be reunited with him at the end of his six weeks.

The mother, who was in Court, tearfully told the magistrate that she was quite willing to be charged as a defaulter (as, with the son in jail, she would have no one to support her) and be sent out of Hong Kong as such, so long as she could be with her boy.

On the woman voluntarily entering the dock, Mr. Latimer quashed the sentence of six weeks' imprisonment against the son and ordered both to be expelled.

Inspector J. Orem appeared for the Police.

WANCHAI DIVANS RAIDED

Raids on opium divans in the Wanchai Division brought the Eastern Division before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector MacKenzie and party arrested Tsoi Kwai, aged 27, the keeper of a divan at an unnumbered hut in Pullock Lane on Wednesday. He pleaded guilty to possession of opium.

He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment with the option of fine of \$100.

Inspector MacKenzie and party also arrested Lam Kwai, aged 60, the keeper of a divan on the second floor of No. 63 Spring Garden Lane.

Lam was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment. Eight smokers arrested at the same time were fined \$35 each or 10 days.

Inspector Hayward and party raided the first floor of No. 11 Spring Garden Lane and arrested Lam Kwai, aged 46 and seven smokers.

The keeper was sentenced to a fine of \$500 or six months' imprisonment, while the smokers were fined \$35 or 10 days.

OPIMUM ROUND HIS WAIST
The manner in which Wong Wah, aged 25, behaved near the Douglas Wharf on Wednesday aroused the suspicion of a police constable who searched him.

The constable found a strapped round Wong's waist 19 packets of raw opium, the total weight being about 100 taels and valued at about \$10,000.

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, Wong pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

OPIMUM AT KCR
Lam Tat, a new arrival from Canton, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment without option at a fine when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to possession of 10 taels of raw opium.

Defendant, said Revenue Officer D. H. Knox when Wong was charged with possession of opium at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Wednesday night.

FORTRESS CREW RELEASED
— Ottawa, July 14. An American Flying Fortress and its nine occupants, attached to the Canadian Immigration authorities after a forced landing at Halifax on Sunday, are to be released to the United States, officials of the External Affairs Department said today.

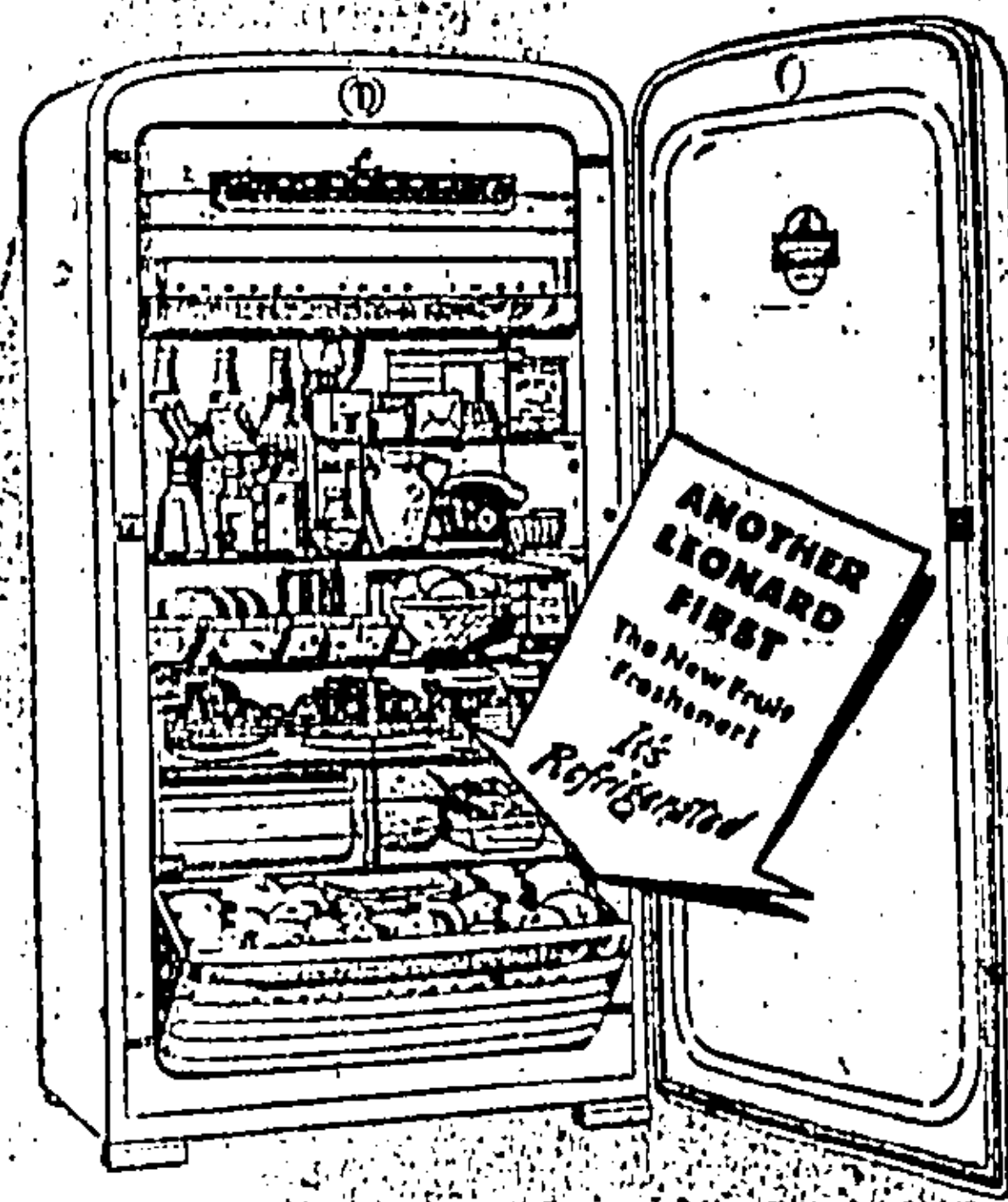
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Jet Planes
Reach Labrador

Hallifax, Nova Scotia, July 14.
Six Royal Air Force Vampire jet fighters tonight arrived at Labrador, completing the third leg of the first jet flight across the Atlantic. They had flown from Dulles West, a United States air base near the south-west tip of Greenland, where they landed earlier today after a stop from Iceland. — Reuters

HE RAN INTO PRISON.

Sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment on Wednesday for keeping an opium and heroin den, Wong Ping, aged 56, was again brought before Mr. J. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday. This time charged with escaping from legal custody.

He was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Inspector Moran, that defendant, after being sentenced was led to the detention cells handcuffed to another prisoner.

Owing to Wong's hand being rather small, he slipped off the handcuffs and made a bid for liberty.

He did not get very far before he was re-arrested. He pleaded guilty before the same magistrate yesterday and was sentenced to a further six months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

It was revealed by the prosecuting officer that defendant, in making his bid for freedom, ran into the gull instead of out of it.

Nanking, July 15.
The Census Bureau of the Ministry of the Interior revealed today that during the past six months, 333 aliens were naturalized as Chinese citizens.

It added that only 29 persons were males. — Reuters



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RUMP CONVENTION TO BE HELD BY SOUTHERN REBELS

Philadelphia, July 15.
Harry S. Truman was nominated to run on the Democratic Party ticket for the President of the United States last night.
Truman's nomination meant a strong civil rights plank for the party's election platform. It also meant a definite North-South split in the party.

The National Democratic Convention immediately began nominating Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky for Vice-President.
The north won the civil rights fight by persuading the convention to turn down a Dixie-sponsored states' rights plank in the platform and then getting the party to go on record in favour of the civil rights laws asked by Truman and vehemently opposed in the South.

But it looked like a costly victory. A number of Southern delegates announced they were holding a rump convention in Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday to name a "states' rights" candidate to oppose Truman.

On the show-down vote there was any substantial opposition to letting President Truman have the nomination.

The question now bothering party leaders was not the southern revolt but what may come later—what may develop out of the talk of bolting the party, or refusing to support the Democratic ticket.

Final Gesture
President Truman told a cheering Convention early today that he will call Congress back into session on July 26.

In a determined and fighting acceptance of the Presidential nomination, the President predicted that he and his Vice-President, running mate, Senator Barkley, will win this election and make those Republicans like it.

The Convention, with the nominees selected and with platform adopted, finally adjourned at 1:30 a.m., and 30 minutes later, the President started his return trip to the national capital aboard his private train.

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Correspondence

Flight Of Capital
Sir—Once again we have another article from a senior Chinese Govt. Official, the Finance Vice-Minister, Mr. Hsu Po-yuan, blaming Hong Kong for the continued flight of capital from China. It has been stated that position in the careful way that one would expect from such a senior Minister he would very quickly arrive at a conclusion—that the flight of capital was due entirely to mismanagement, inefficiency and corruption within the Chinese Govt. Black market dealings are initiated within China and are not confined solely to Hong Kong dollars as there is a very large black market in Shanghai in both U.S. Dollars and gold.

Black market quotations from Shanghai are quoted openly and relayed to all parts of the world. Even the young Editor of the China Economist knows how to transfer funds from Shanghai through the black market to Hong Kong and yet the Economic Police in Shanghai have been entirely unsuccessful in preventing these transfers. Capitalists in Shanghai both large and small hold the major part of their liquid assets in U.S. Dollars and there is no doubt that the population of Shanghai have large holdings in American dollars. When the whole population of Great Britain, very feeble attempts have been adopted to make the holders surrender their hard currency of Government. As long as inflation on the present large scale continues in China all nationals will take every step possible to get out of their valueless C.N.C. Naturally the sphere of influence of the currency of this Colony is expanding daily and a large proportion of the note circulation of the Colony is held within China. Many business transactions in South China are transacted on a Hong Kong dollar basis with the note being used to finalize the business. There are grounds for believing that the Chinese Govt. have been making efforts to induce the local Govt. to allow them to take over overseas Chinese remittances passing through Hong Kong, which are routed here at the request of the overseas remitter to be paid out in Hong Kong dollars. This could probably be arranged if the Chinese Govt. would pay for these remittances in Hong Kong dollars but it is understood that they wish to keep their printing machines busy by paying out useless C.N.C. which would certainly not put the remitter and be entirely against the contract he has made with his bank abroad.

A few days ago a report appeared in the local papers that Chinese Govt. Banks were hardly making any profit in the budget proposal for the next six months it was reported that the probable profits of the Bank of China were listed at the equivalent of approx. twenty U.S. cents. China badly needs foreign currency and yet this Bank working at no profit at all is embarking on a very large building scheme in Hong Kong at a reported cost of \$100,000,000. It is reported that they propose to build on the lavish scale in Singapore and elsewhere. Can the Finance officials of the Central Govt. explain why foreign currency is spent in this way when the need for raw commodities to keep their factories going and their exports moving is so desperate? Of course it may be possible that this Bank is fortunate enough to have the huge credit balances which Nanking reported were remaining dormant with Banks in the Colony and are making use of these balances to finance their building projects. It is about time Chinese Officials attempted to put their own house in order before attacking the policy of almost every other country in the world.

Indian Hour
Sir—In pre-war days, and even after the war, the Indian programme used to be on the air every evening. The sudden cessation of this programme, I think, was due to the small number of Indians left in the Colony after the return of the Indian Army.

Since then a great number of former residents and new families have arrived, and I am sure it will be greatly appreciated by every Indian family if this broadcasting authorities re-introduce this programme.

RECKLESS DRIVING
A Chinaman, driver of an Urban Council lorry, was fined \$150 and had his licence endorsed when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday to the summons of reckless driving on May 30.

Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke said that he was driving along Taipei Road on the afternoon of May 30 when he saw the lorry driving 81 1/2 mph. overtook him at a blind corner and on the wrong side of the road.

The prosecuting officer had to accelerate to overtake defendant's lorry and "caught up to him" just as he was on the point of overtaking and "cut him off" at a blind corner, again on a blind corner.

PHILIPPINES DIPLOMACY
The possibility of the Philippines raising the status of its Legations in London and Nanking to that of Embassies is currently rumoured in diplomatic circles in Manila.

Although the report has not been officially confirmed, it is gaining credence following the signing of a bill by President Quirino permitting the use of lump sum appropriations for the creation of new positions in different Philippine Embassies, Legations and other foreign missions. — Reuters

Reminders
The 1948 Hong Kong Exhibition and Sale of Paintings, 805 Gloucester Hotel, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. — 12 noon.

H.K. Light Orchestra rehearsal, 27B Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m. Cantonese Orchestra, 27B Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m. — 12 noon.

Sino-British Club general meeting, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. — 12 noon.

Coming Events
Tomorrow
Miss Hong Kong Contest, Ritz Hotel, 8 p.m. — 12 noon.

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No. 10 Searched For Bombs

London, July 14.
Police searched No. 10, Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister, tonight after an anonymous telephone caller had said the place would be "blown up in 10 minutes."
Nothing was found. — Reuters

DANGER TO HEALTH AT STANLEY

The water supply at the Stanley Boys Camp is being restricted to such a degree as to constitute a danger to health, Mr. B.A. Bernacchi told the Camp Committee at a meeting on Tuesday.

He said that the authorities concerned have already been informed of the situation.

Referring to the financial position, Mr. Bernacchi said that a further HK\$10,000 is needed to meet requirements for the last quarter of the year. He added that about HK\$20 a month for the upkeep of one boy.

Mr. Y.K. Kim, Treasurer, told the Committee that the balance in hand on July 12 was only HK\$7,293.42.

TEEN-AGERS GET HARD LABOUR

Two Chinese teen-age youths, Chan Tai-hei (17 years) and Wong Ping-shu (18 years), each with a previous conviction for larceny, were yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment, by Mr. W. H. Latimer, J. O'Connor.

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Constitutional Duty

He enumerated some of them as civil rights legislation, increased minimum wages, extension of social security coverage, development of public power for cheap electricity, and housing legislation.

The President said he also would ask Congress to pass "an adequate" displaced persons law instead of the recently passed one he called "anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic."

Mr. Truman told the delegates he had advocated civil rights legislation because he believed it a "Constitutional duty." He closed his attack on the Republican-controlled Congress by telling his Democratic followers:

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"I must have your help, you must get in and push and win this election. The country can't afford another Republican Congress," Associated Press.

Will Rogers' Tribute
Philadelphia, July 14.
Will Rogers, Jr., in seconding President Truman for nomination, said today that history would show that he has been a most unfairly criticized man.

Mr. Rogers said: "He assumed the Presidency in one of the periods of great world change. He met those changes and he has helped America to master them."

"Instead of waiting for an aggressor to overrun and occupy a country, he decided to use the power of the United States to build up that country so the aggressor could not overrun it."

He added that Mr. Truman had met Russian opposition in all his foreign relations and Republican Congressional opposition in his domestic programme. — United Press

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The other two temples or clubs are the Nile Temple (Seattle) and AEFIF (Tacoma).

Among the local Shriners who will welcome the visitors will be Messrs. T.B. Wilson, (Rajah, AEFIF), Joe Lum, Samuel S. Young, M.S. Bloch, Clarence K. Chun, T.J. Holt, Conrad Hsu and J.F. Rhame.

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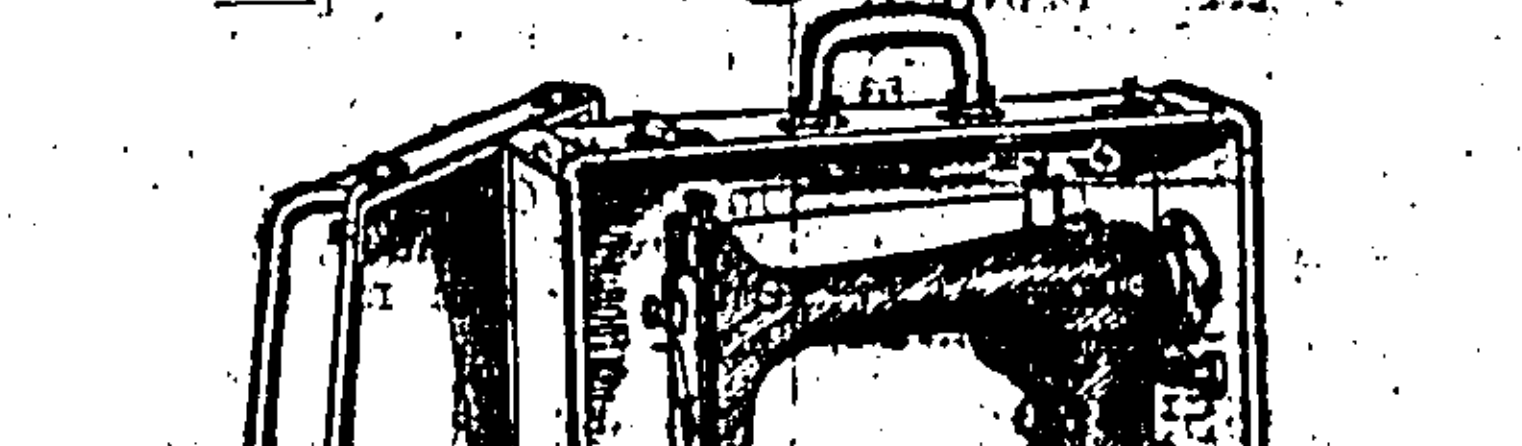
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M. G. O'CONNOR, Ag. Director of Education. 12th July, 1948.

NOTICE

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the 61st Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place in the Club House, Happy Valley, on Friday, the 23rd July, at 6 p.m. for the purpose of:

Receiving the Report of the Committee and a Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st May, 1948.

To elect Officers for the 1948/49 season.

Any other business that may be conducted at an Annual General Meeting.

K. W. FORBOW, Hon. Secretary. All members are requested to attend and intending members are invited.

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By Order of the Board F. W. VEREL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd July, 1948.

NOTICE

We wish to inform our customers and friends that by mutual agreement Messrs. D. Esses and Messrs. Albert Shayo (or Hip Wah) have dissolved their Partnership as from today, and will continue business separately under the names of D. Esses and Albert Shayo. Consequently, David Esses is no longer authorised to sign on behalf of Albert Shayo (or Hip Wah) as heretofore.

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OUTRIGHT REJECTION

Russia Disclaims Responsibility For Berlin Crisis Development "Compelled To Measure To Protect Her Zone"

London, July 14.

Russia today disclaimed responsibility "for the situation which has arisen in Berlin" and, in notes to Britain, the United States and France, placed the blame for the crisis in the German capital on the three Western nations' introduction of occupation currency reform and their "policy of dismembering Germany."

Moscow Radio broadcast the texts of the notes delivered in London, Washington and Paris in reply to the Allied notes of July 9 demanding the immediate lifting of the Berlin blockade.

In London, authoritative sources said tonight that the Soviet reply was unsatisfactory and in no way eliminates or eases the Berlin crisis. "The Berlin crisis goes on. There is nothing in the Russian note which changes that situation. The note contains nothing unusual or sensational."

The emergency Anglo-American-French committee which negotiated the terms of the West's protest, went into session at the British Foreign Office almost immediately after the Russian reply was translated. The American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, and the French Ambassador, M. Rene Massigli, resumed their consultations with the British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir William Strang, late in the afternoon. They have been meeting almost continuously since the Soviet blockade in Berlin started.

The British Cabinet revised its agenda for tomorrow's regular meeting and gave top billing to the Soviet reply. By then, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, may be able to give the Cabinet a preliminary report on what the three Western Powers plan to do now.

Authoritative sources cautioned against anticipating immediate action. They suggested, instead, the possibility of another exchange of notes with the Kremlin.

Soviet Note

The Soviet note said: "The Soviet Government considers that the situation which has arisen in Berlin has arisen as a result of violation by the Governments of the United States of America, Great Britain and France of agreed decisions adopted by the four powers in relation to Germany and Berlin."

The Soviet Government has repeatedly warned the Governments of the responsibility which they were incurring by taking a path of violation of agreed decisions with respect to Germany."

Russia cited agreements for demilitarisation and democratisation of Germany and for reparations payments. She said the four great powers undertook the joint administration of Germany and had agreed to conclude a peace treaty with Germany.

"These highly important agreements have been violated by the Governments of the United States, Britain and France," she said.

"Dismemberment"

Complaining that the agreements cited had not been fulfilled, Russia added, "Four-power control machinery in Germany has been destroyed, as a result of which the Allied Control Council has ceased to function."

As a result of the six-power conference in London, Russia said, the Western European powers and the United States were carrying out measures "aimed at splitting and dismembering Germany."

The note continued to say that, inasmuch as the Berlin situation was the direct consequence of systematic violation of "Allied agreements," the Soviet Government must reject as altogether unfounded the declaration of the three Western Governments to the effect that measures introduced by the Soviet command allegedly constitute violation of existing agreements relating to the administration of Berlin.

Answering the charge that the United States withdrew her troops 16 her present occupation zone only on the understanding that the United States would have free access to her sector of Berlin, Russia said America was merely fulfilling her obligations.

Blockade "Temporary"

In answer to Mr. George Marshall's citing of a letter by President Truman to Marshal Stalin on troop withdrawal, Russia said the Allied troops had got to Berlin at all only because the Russians took the city. The same was true with Vienna, Russia added.

Referring to her blockade measures as "temporary," Russia said the "difficulties" which had caused them were due to action by the Western Allies in introducing their new currency into their zones and, especially, in their sector of Berlin. The note pointed out that Russia could not permit Allied currency to enter Berlin.

The note said that to avoid chaotic conditions Russia was compelled to take measures to protect her zone, but Russia was "concerned" over maintenance of the "well being" of the people of Berlin and was willing to take the responsibility herself for supplying them.

It seemed to be the speediest possible solution of the "difficulties" which had arisen, the note said.—United Press.

BRITISH OUTPUT HIGHER

London, July 15. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today that British industrial output in the first quarter of this year was about 11 per cent above the total for the same period of 1938, the last pre-war year. It was up 30 per cent above the 1946 total, he said.

"That compares well with the general picture on the continent where in most countries the pre-war level has only recently been attained," Sir Stafford said in a speech at an industrial exhibition. Despite this increased production, stepped up exports and a 20 per cent cut in imports compared with 10 years ago, Sir Stafford said, 18 per cent of what Britain buys abroad is still not covered by export earnings.—Associated Press.

TOY FACTORY FIRE DEATHS

Shanghai, July 15. One worker was killed, two were missing, believed to be dead, and five others were injured in a brick fire at a celluloid toy factory west of Shanghai this morning.

The entire factory was destroyed. This was the second worst fire this month. Earlier in the month 11 persons were killed in another celluloid factory.—United Press.

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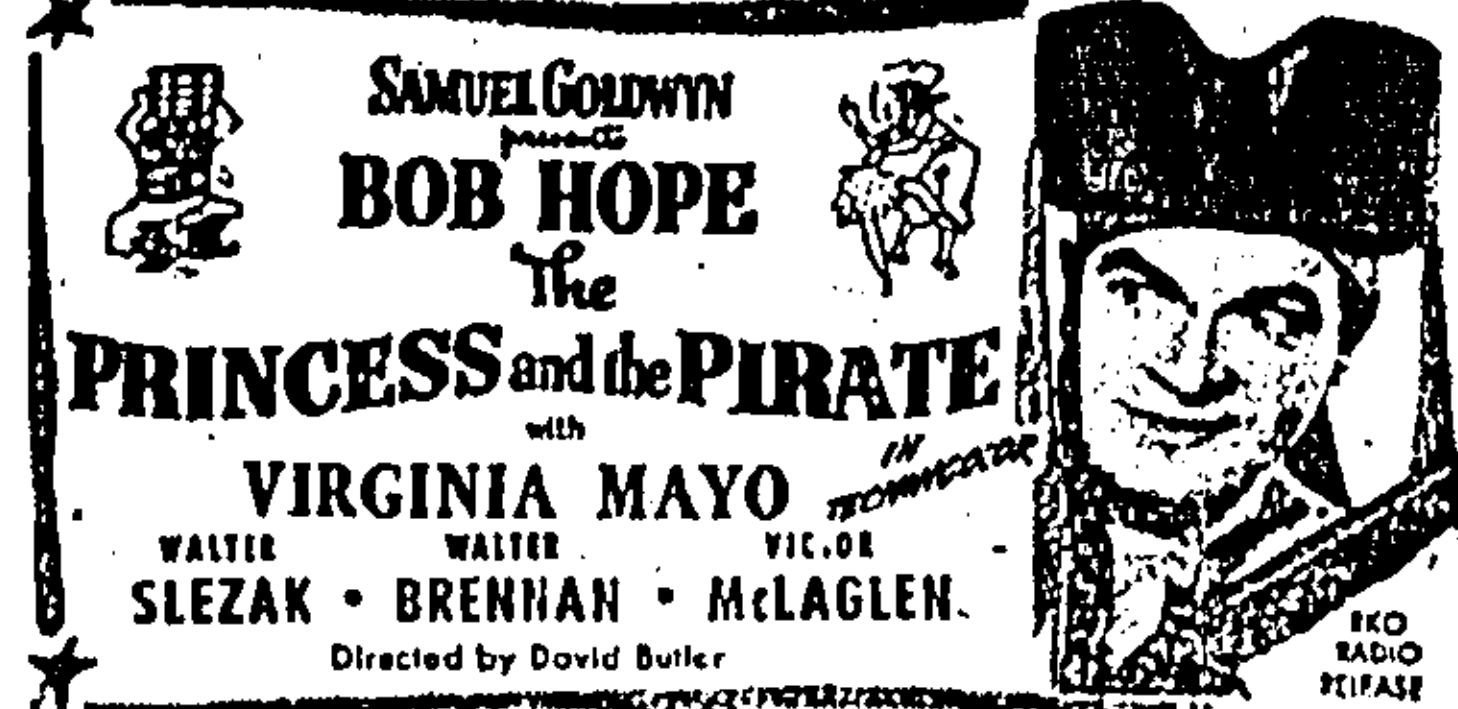
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ISRAEL READY TO STOP If Security Council Orders New "Cease Fire"

Gromyko Still Fighting US Plan

Loko Success, July 14.

Aubrey Eban, the Israeli representative, told the Security Council that Israel is ready to halt the fighting in Palestine if the Council orders a new cease fire. Eban said this decision was taken in Tel Aviv.

He protested vigorously, however, against the United States proposal to reimpose the conditions which prevailed during the recent four weeks truce. These included an embargo on immigration and arms for Palestine.

Alexander Parodi of France said he would vote for the United States resolution with some modifications. He also raised strong objections to several key provisions of the United States plan.

The Soviet move came as the Security Council neared a vote on the United States resolution calling for a cease fire within three days.

The entire United States proposal was jeopardised despite the fact that six of the council's 11 delegates are already committed to support it in principle. Gromyko agreed with the United States that the Council must order a cessation of hostilities and must be ready to enforce it if necessary.

Gromyko Backs Jews

Gromyko sided with the Israeli delegation, however, in contending that the Council should not continue the conditions which prevailed under the recent four-week truce.

He also objected strongly to the United States proposals that the new truce continue indefinitely until a peaceful solution is found.

Gromyko contended this would virtually eliminate the possibility of an independent sovereign state of Israel since there are no prospects that a settlement would ever be reached between the Jews and Arabs.

Gromyko objected to four of the nine paragraphs in the American proposal.

Bernadotte Attacked

Mr. Gilbert Jessup, United States, told reporters he was studying developments carefully and added that the United States might make some changes in the wording of the proposal but would not agree to dropping Bernadotte.

It is Jessup's view that Bernadotte was named by the General Assembly and that the Council, even if it wanted to, could not eliminate him.

In effect Gromyko's suggestions would mean a firmer establishment of the Jewish state of Israel.

Gromyko criticised Bernadotte frequently during a lengthy speech on his handling of the Arab-Jewish negotiations.

Gromyko especially objected to what he called the unusually large number of Americans who participated in the truce work.

Kidnapping Incident

London, July 14.

The United Nations Truce Commission for Palestine is to report to the Security Council the "inability of the Jewish authorities to maintain law and order in Jerusalem" if the five Britons kidnapped by Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists in Jerusalem last week were not returned by July 13.

Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State announced this in the House of Commons today. There was no official confirmation of reports that it was intended to stage a trial of the men on a charge of espionage, he added.

He renewed attacks on Britain, charging that London continued all through the truce period to try to wreck the partition plan.

Jewish Successes

Meanwhile, according to latest reports from Agence France-Press correspondents in the Middle East, the Israel army, which succeeded yesterday in forcing pressure in the Tel Aviv sector by the occupation of Ras el Ain in the north-east and Arab villages in the triangle of Lydda, Ramleh and Rehovoth in the south-east, has seized the initiative by broadening the zone towards Haifa and the neighbourhood of Nazareth.

Israeli forces have captured the village of Einmahil east of Nazareth and have pushed up to Latrun and Mount Castel on the road to Jerusalem.

The latter operation was accompanied by a successful action against the village of Gazi in a region crossed by the so-called "Burma Road" which has been used by Hagannah to supply the New City of Jerusalem. Associated Press and Agence France-Press.

Sarawak Transfer Legal Fight

Singapore, July 14.

Captain Bertram Brooke, brother of the former "White Rajah" of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, and his son, Anthony Brooke, the former Rajah Muda (Crown Prince), today challenged the legality of the transfer of Sarawak to Britain before a Brunei (North Borneo) court.

Father and son claimed that Sir Charles Brooke had no legal right to cede Sarawak and that Britain's subsequent annexation of the territory was therefore illegal.

Sir Charles Brooke offered to transfer Sarawak to the Crown in consideration of a trust fund of £1,000,000 in 1940. The territory came under British administration on July 1 that year.

Sarawak, with a population of half a million, was originally part of the dominion of the Sultan of Brunei. In 1841, it was ceded to James Brooke in return for his services in making peace among the warring tribes.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—Light Variety.

1.00 p.m.—Alfred and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Edith Day Introduces "All Join In" (BBCTS).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Wind in the Willows", by Kenneth Graham, presented by Members of the H.K. Stage Club (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand" presented by Philip Burn (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"See Tee" Talks on Sport (Studio).

7.10 p.m.—Ennio Salonga Saxophone Recital with Piano accompaniment by Pete Valdermans (Studio).

7.25 p.m.—Recital: "Marselle Angot", Ballet Royal Opera House Orchestre (Studio).

7.40 p.m.—Vocal Recital by John Boston (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by Donald Fraser (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (BBCTS).

8.15 p.m.—George Melachrino and His Orchestra, with Jack Cooper to sing (BBCTS).

8.45 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Benno Moisewitsch.

9.10 p.m.—Puccini: "Madame Butterfly" Act 1, with Margaret Sheridan, and other Members of the La Scala Opera, Milan.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Minnesota Symphony Orchestre.

10.30 p.m.—Dance to Ted Heath and His Orchestra, with Paul Carpenter (BBCTS).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

ANTI-BRITISH SCENES IN TRANS-JORDAN

Amman, July 14.

Arab indignation at what a Trans-Jordan official called "British treachery and deceit" exploded today in mass demonstrations in Amman, following the announcement that Britain is supporting United States demands for an end of hostilities in Palestine.

Thousands of angry people surged in the streets and all traffic was blocked. Mobs screamed anti-British slogans interspersed with "down with Truman".

"At last we know that Britain is our worst enemy," said the official and charged that Britain "violated the military treaty" by withholding the £500,000 quarterly instalment of the Transjordan subsidy.

Arab demonstrators marched from the centre of Amman to the Palace today shouting for a "fight to the death" and "down with the British" and "down with Truman".

After the King's appearance the crowds returned to the town, milling in the streets and chanting war cries.

NEW AMBASSADOR

Washington, July 14.

President Harry Truman today named Roy Henderson as Ambassador to India and Minister to Nepal.

Henderson is now Director of Near Eastern and African Affairs for the State Department. He succeeds Henry F. Grady, recently named as Ambassador to Greece.—Associated Press.

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The Authority on Authorities

THREE SLIPS ON A DEAL

ANY PLAYER has frequently made a wrong bid, no matter how good he is. In fact, we can all recall, if we try, plenty of times when we have made two wrong ones on the same deal.

But the number of possible errors in bidding is by no means limited to two. Every once in a while we see a case in which three errors are made by the same player during the auction.

And undoubtedly some of our readers can think of cases in which their partners made more.

S. J 7 4
H. K Q 10 6 2
D. 6 2
C. K 10S. K 9 8 3
H. 3
D. K Q J
C. Q 7 3S. 8 4
H. 8 4
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nerable game; if stronger by just a bit, he could have counted on the likelihood of his side scoring because of his opening.

However, having opened for the purpose of, of chancing some kind of score, he should have passed when he heard South's 2-Clubs response. The latter, with just under an opening bid, had decided to show his strength by "reversing" and bidding the higher diamonds secondarily. He did that after North's 2-Hearts.

Now, when West doubled the 3-Diamonds, North should have realized his partner had more clubs than diamonds, probably only four of the latter and five or even six of the former. So he should have taken it into 4-Clubs, but didn't.

East and West set it all over the lot, for a score of 900. If North had sayched into 4-Clubs, it probably would have been set only about three, saving some hundreds of points.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. Q J 9 8 2

H. A K 9

D. Q 2

C. 10 8 5

S. A 8 7 4 3

H. J 10 8 5

D. 7 6

C. 4

S. K 10 5

H. 7 6

D. K J 9

C. 8 7 3

S. A 9

H. None

D. A 5 4

C. K Q J 8 7 3 2

S. (Dealer: West North - South vulnerable)

What would you consider best bidding of this deal, at rubbers and at pair duplicate?

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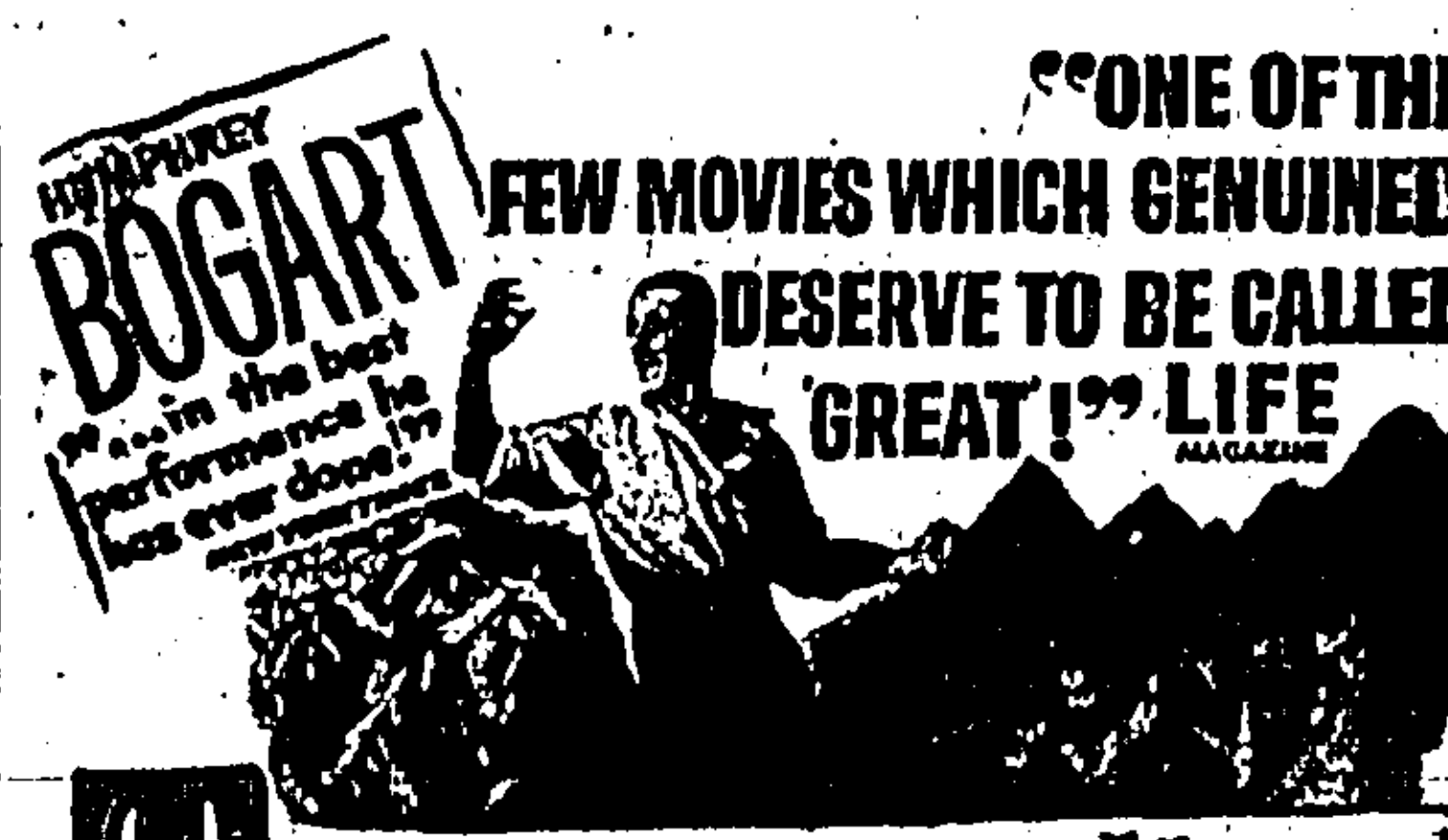
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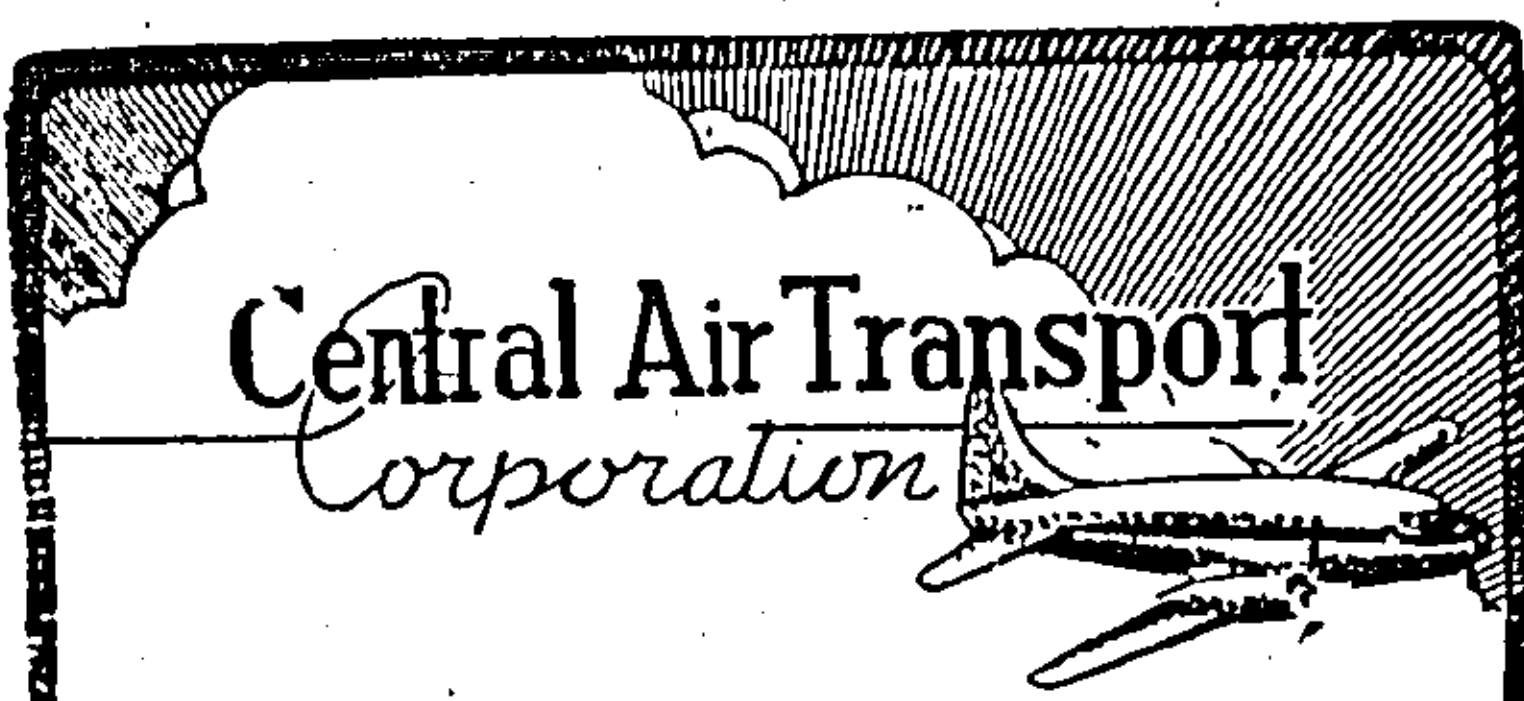
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ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The powers the government now proposes to take under the new Ordinance for the Prevention of Corruption might normally be expected to achieve as effective results indirectly as by the process of prosecuting offenders. Those public servants who have been in the business on a systematic basis receive fair warning; they may not desist, but they are compelled to watch their every step, exercise the extreme caution which may place limits on their activities. So far as it goes, this is all to the good. Whatever the true facts, there is reason to believe that corruption has reached proportions more widely spread than at any other time in local history, and that the work of the Anti-Corruption Branch has done little more than touch upon its fringes. Some of the difficulties which have handicapped those engaged in the clean-up campaign are removed by the Bill, for once they have obtained any evidence giving ground for strong suspicion, and an investigation has been ordered, access may be had to bank accounts and financial transactions generally which may be built up into corroborative evidence of guilt. Emphasising the words "built up," this is the weakness as well as the strength of the Bill. The Acting Attorney-General, the Hon. G. E. Strickland, anticipated the key point of possible criticism and objection to the measure when he urged that its provisions should not be viewed as making fundamental innovation in the law of evidence. About this point, in particular, we are distinctly dubious. Clause Eleven, which carries the sub-title "Presumption of Corruption in Certain Cases," directly reverses the usual order and transfers the onus of proof. In certain circumstances, covering evidence of the receipt of a monetary gift or other consideration, it is decreed that it shall be presumed that the money or consideration was received corruptly unless the contrary is proved. The accused in such a case is to be presumed guilty unless he can prove his innocence, a principle well established in France, but completely foreign to fundamental British law. Apparently, this applies even where an accused cannot be pinned down to direct evidence of an individual act of corruption. Some may feel that the end justifies the means, but those whose concern it is to protect the liberty of the subject and his common law rights will see strong objection to what might amount to the creation of a highly dangerous precedent. The Bill, after all, is quite inadequate to attack the great mass of small-time bribery with which the Colony is riddled; it is designed to simplify control of the more important operators who run bank accounts and indulge perhaps in share dealings. It is directly concerned with a relatively small section of the community. Where one finds special legislation for special cases, it must always be examined with suspicion. We are not sure, either, that we like the provision which relieves the judge from the necessity of warning the jury that it is dangerous to attach too high a value to the

Normandy Wants To Forget The War And D-Day

By JENNY NICHOLSON
 Our Roving Reporter

I know a tank from the turret of which wild thyme grows, and an Army truck called "Daisy" which lies abandoned still in a Normandy ditch embraced by the dog-rose.

On the new Michelin map of Normandy they are marked in purple. Things marked in purple are referred to in the index as "vestiges of war." These are the relics which people are expected to come in motor-buses to see. These are the vestiges of something we used to call the "Second Front"—a few months, four years ago this summer, which excited almost everyone in the world except the Normans and, to an even lesser degree, the Germans. Although the Normans were reported at the time to be as enthusiastic about the first burst of liberation as it was generally felt they ought to be, looking back on it one realises that they took a much more practical, much less emotional line than the Allies wished to believe.

The Germans had not treated them badly, and they said so. "The Germans were very correct," they said. On the other

No Show Or Fuss

Now one comes to remember it in more honest perspective they were pretty story-faced when Allied soldiers went skulking through their orchards pursuing the enemy.

And, although one turned a deaf ear at the time, I seem to remember them grumbling: "Why didn't you fight in the Pays Basque? Far better for the armies to have landed in the Pays Basque!"

It is this thoroughly uncompromising attitude of the Normans which makes these revisits to the British area of the Normandy Campaign tolerable. There seems to be no compromise with the tourist trade at all, no show

or fuss or claims, to history. A soldier could return and reconstruct a past battle without a plaque, a notice, a memorial without a thing to spoil the dignity of the memory.

In the small village of Trun the men fell in thousands—they lay about in the front gardens, in the surrounding fields, outside the post office, on the steps of the bakery but the people of Trun, without any historical feeling, make no visible claim to being the very centre of the closing of the Falaise Gap. The Graves Commission came eventually and cleared away the dead. The people of Trun dragged away the weapons of war into nearby junkyards and allowed them to perish.

Few Tourists

It is true Caen does boast a tall memorial column which rises from the ruins surrounded by a golden angel. And Arranches makes a notable effort to preserve a little of the old colour. Walls have been left covered with the scrawls of soldiers. "Ken Loll, Sturdy Bob," and they have even gone so far as to repaint the "Out Of Bounds to All Troops" (though by mistake they left the "off Troops") and "31 W. T. Group F. E." There are two shops where you can buy souvenir postcards and boxes inscribed "Arranches—port of the liberation."

The Plage has been rebuilt, so there is a wide concrete walk for miles along the front. And I watched an ex-Army amphibious craft dragging a small flag-decorated pleasure boat down a new slipway into the sea.

It was unmistakably an effort at preparing for tourists, but the slightly self-conscious air with which it was being done rather emphasised the miserably small tourist attendance.

A yellow bus arrived. Here they are, I thought. They will walk along the Plage and stare at the artificial port they called Mulberry—an uneven line of sunken ships standing out in the grey English Channel—sad and ghostly—they will hire the pleasure boat and sail nearer so as to get a closer view of the bulks.

But the merry crowd debased on to the Montgomery Plage and, with loud cries and without so much as a glance in the direction of Mulberry, sped down to the sea to bathe, whirling their towels and bathing dresses above their heads like lassos.

The people of Normandy have returned to the only battle they really recognise—their endless fight with the weather. The only large-scale reminders of the old violence are the military cemeteries.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON RACIAL RIGHTS

Philadelphia, July 14.

The Southern drive to water down the racial rights plank in the Democratic Party's national platform was smashed by a united opposition of "liberal" and "regular" Democrats.

Malayan War Damage Claims

London, July 14.

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, asked in the Commons when the terms of payment of Malayan war damage claims would be announced and if it was proposed to accept the principle of any priority categories whose claims would be met in full before a pro-rata payment was made to others.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "It was expected in April last that particulars of the Malayan war damage compensation scheme would be announced shortly. Recent events in Malaya have doubtless delayed the consideration of this matter, but I am enquiring of the Malayan Government what is the position regarding both points referred to in the question and will communicate with Mr. Gammans."

Mr. Tufton Beamish, Conservative, complained that the staff of the Malayan War Damage Commission had been inactive for the last three years and that some claims had not even been acknowledged.

Mr. Creech Jones said he was aware of that particular difficulty and had taken what steps were possible to get early payment. He was at the moment communicating with the Malayan Government about insufficiency of staff.—Reuter.

NO DANGER

New York, July 14.

The master of the steamer Grand Dyke, having radioed a distress signal that the engines had failed 110 miles south of the Panama Canal, replied to an Associated Press radiogram enquiring what danger she was in: "There is no danger when you have good Scots engineers."—Associated Press.

unsupported evidence of an accomplice. We fail to see how such evidence if dangerous in one type of case can be less dangerous in another. In what kind of offence is it more likely that the chief purpose of an alleged accomplice would be to cover up his own misdeeds and save his own skin? Certain safeguard clauses are included, it is true. Much of the initiative in investigation is preserved to the Attorney-General: no one below the rank of an Assistant Superintendent is permitted access to a man's bank account. Nevertheless, study of the general tenor of the measure leaves behind a hesitation to lend it full endorsement. Its purpose is to be commended, but if we are to be guided by the general principles of law, it appears to contain more defects than it cures.

ROUGH GAME OF POWER POLITICS

Boston, July 14.

The Christian Science Monitor, in an editorial today, expressed the opinion that the "strong arm" Soviet policy in Asia "invites counter moves from the West in a rough game of power politics."

"Particularly it invites a rebuilding of Japanese power—a move particularly hazardous in the case of economic power and morally revolting in the case of military power."

Observing that the Soviet policy in Asia has a "nationalist right arm" and a "Marxist revolutionary left arm," the paper said the right arm is a "contender for the position of economic domination left vacant by the Japanese collapse and crumbling of the old imperialism."

"The disclosure by this paper's chief Far Eastern correspondent, Gordon Walker, of immense industrial activity going on in Eastern Siberia throws a sharply revealing light on this danger."

"The sinister left arm cannot be countered by force with much success. It calls for determined experiments in the West in the politics of attraction—surrender of imperialistic privilege, co-operation with native reform, humanitarian and educational aid on a large scale."

"The humbling of giant dynamos in Siberia may make the more ideal considerations seem a little other-worldly. Yet only by keeping a tough realism in equilibrium with far feeling idealism is the Democratic West likely to avoid disaster in Asia."

—United Press.

Colonial Planning

London, July 14.

Replying to a suggestion in the Commons by Mr. Geoffrey Cooper, Labour, Mr. Creech Jones said it would not, in his view, be practicable for the economic development of the whole of the Empire to be dealt with by a single colonial economic planning board.

Loose contacts were maintained between the Colonial Office and the Colonial Development Corporation on the one hand and the Central Economic Planning Staff on the other.

These contacts, together with the appointment of representatives of the two corporations and of the Central Economic Planning Staff as associate members of the Colonial Economic and Development Council, were designed to assure the co-ordination that Mr. Cooper had in view.—Reuter.

COLD WAR MAINTAINS ITS PITCH

Berlin, July 14.

The British Deputy Chief of Staff, Major General Westropp, tonight, categorically denied reports appearing in today's Soviet-licensed Vorwarts that the Western Allies had drawn up a secret "plan" for the evacuation of Berlin.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman denied that Britain, the United States and the United States planned to "put Russia on trial" before the International Court of Justice at The Hague unless the Soviet authorities lifted their blockade of Western Germany.

He pointed out that no case taken to the Court could be heard for about two years. Observers in London consider that the next step depends on whether the Western powers see any hope that following up any feelers in the Russian reply to their notes may ease the tension.

The Soviet assertion that traffic to Berlin is held up only by rail, road and canal repairs leaves a loophole for a resumption without the need of a climb-down. Any four-power talks would take some time to prepare, so that time would remain for the "technical repairs" to be completed.

If the Berlin crisis could be reduced to manageable proportions, the United Nations General Assembly in Paris next September, some observers think, might give the Foreign Ministers of the four powers their best opportunity for talks.—Reuter.

Confession Repudiated

New Delhi, July 4.

Sadashiv Palkhi, one of the accused in the Gandhi murder trial, today repudiated a confession he signed saying he supplied the pistol used to kill Mahatma Gandhi.

He told the court the statement was signed under "the threat of dire consequences to myself and my relatives."

The prosecution contends that Palkhi gave the pistol to the actual murderer. The court permitted the hearing to continue ordering that the prosecution provide evidence that the statement was made "freely and voluntarily" before a magistrate, whose duty it was to assure that duress was not involved.—Associated Press.

Magda Lupescu Loses Property

Bucharest, July 14.

Magda Lupescu, who became the wife of ex-King Carol of Rumania at a bedside ceremony in Rio de Janeiro last July when she was dangerously ill, has been deprived of her Rumanian citizenship by order of the Rumanian Government. It was announced today.

Her property in Rumania will be confiscated, it was added. Magda Lupescu was one of 18 people deprived today of their citizenship and of their possessions.

Among the others, who included several diplomats, were M. Max Auzan, the Rumanian steel king, and Mary Franasovici, wife of Richard Franasovici, who resigned his post as Rumanian political representative in London last year.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI BID TO HOLD DOWN PRICES

Shanghai, July 15.

A central organ to direct the large-scale dumping of supplies in the present price control campaign here was formally inaugurated at the Central Bank yesterday.

American aid supplies and United States Army surplus goods purchased through the Central authorities are said to be the main source of goods for the dumping.

Meanwhile, it is reported that a list of major market manipulators and profiteers, compiled by the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Command and the Police Bureau after a one-month investigation, has been brought to Nanking by General Chiang Ching-kuo, eldest son of President Chiang Kai-shek.

The list will be examined by the President before action is taken.

At present the largest note is CN\$100,000—10 Hong Kong cents at the present black market rate.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

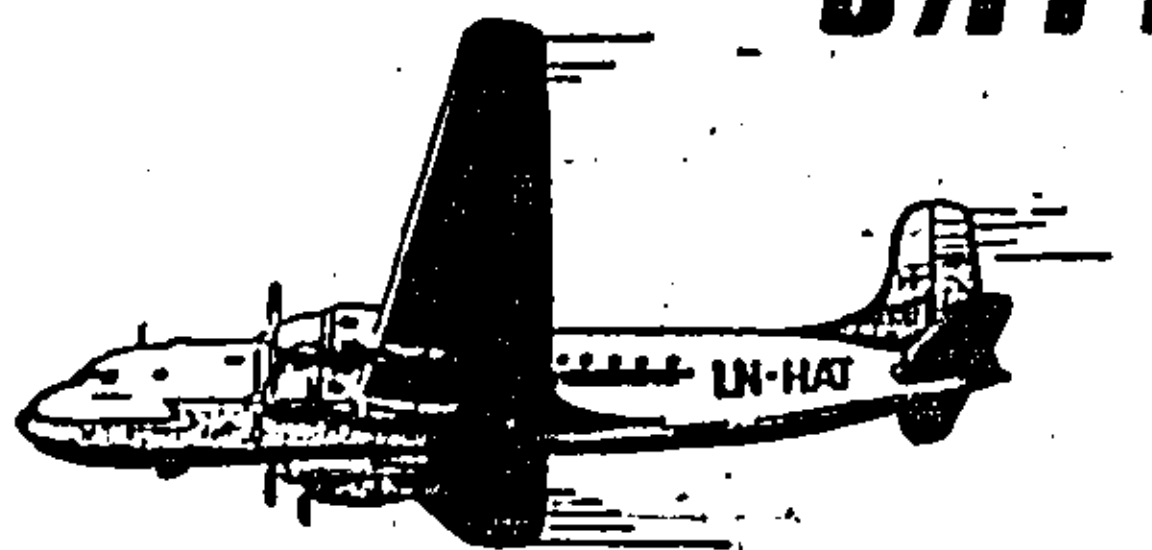


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RED MENACE IN SINGAPORE

Whispering Campaign On Threatened Uprising

European Women From Batu Arang Evacuated

Singapore, July 14.

Police and troops in a 16-hour operation in the Baling area of Kedah today burned down eight houses, occupied by Communists. An armed Chinese was wounded during the raid. One man who tried to escape into the jungle was fired on. He was seen falling down a precipice and is believed to have been killed.

In Kuala Lumpur, it was announced today that, in spite of the present terrorism, there are only two strikes in Malaya both on Johore rubber estates and involving only 78 workers.

The Free Press reported that the terrorists raided the village of Ulu Yam, 50 miles from Kuala Lumpur and killed five villagers before they got away.

The paper said that the police station was not attacked.

The terrorists killed three men and one woman and wounded two others one of whom died later. The paper said that most of the villagers fled into the jungles.

Despatches from Ipoh today said a joint military police patrol killed two Chinese Communist guerrillas during a raid on a Communist hide-out.

The despatches said police believe the hide-out was a hut in the Siputeh area, 12 miles from Ipoh—was used as a base by guerrillas who had terrorized the area for months.

K.M.T. Man Killed

Another Ipoh despatch said guerrillas last night shot dead Chan Ming-kong, a Kuomintang Party member and shopkeeper at Tanjong Tuaiang, 24 miles from Ipoh.

Meanwhile, a whispering campaign spread through Singapore today that the Communists are about to launch a wave of terrorist killings in the heart of this Far Eastern metropolis.

Cuckoo In The Nest

King's Winford, July 14. Labour stalwarts of this Staffordshire community covered their confusion with fitting civility today—they've found out the 16-year-old lovely they had acclaimed Socialist beauty queen at a Party rally is a Conservative.

Daughter of one of the county's most prominent Conservatives, schoolgirl Crystal Nash got into the contest preliminaries by mistake. She decided to go through with it and won the title easily at the rally on Saturday.

Some 3,000 cheered the choice among them Labour War Minister Emanuel Shinwell and Air Secretary Arthur Henderson.

With the comment "at any rate she has pluck," local Labour Party officials stuck to the bargain saying Crystal will get her prize—a permanent wave paid for out of Party funds.—Associated Press.

New Dutch Government

The Hague, July 14. The Regent of the Netherlands, Princess Juliana, has asked Dr. Louis J. M. Beel, the Dutch Prime Minister, to form a new Cabinet.

The results of the elections showed little change apart from a slight swing to the right and a set-back for the Communists, but the Labour-Catholic Coalition now disposes of about 59 instead of 61 seats.

This is not enough to secure the two-thirds-majority necessary for a constitutional change and interest therefore centres upon whether Dr. Beel will form a Cabinet on a broader basis.—Reuter.

MARSHALL AID FOR TRIESTE

London, July 14. Distribution of Marshall aid to the Free Territory of Trieste will be in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief of the Anglo-American forces in the territory, a Foreign Office spokesman disclosed today.

Only the Anglo-American Zone will get the aid. There will be none to the Yugoslav occupation areas.

Yugoslavia rejected the offer of Marshall aid last year, and this rejection also disqualified that country's Zone in Trieste, it was pointed out.—Reuter.

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Sir Franklin Gimson, the Island Governor, is armed with sweeping new crisis powers approved yesterday to meet this threat if it materialises.

The Governor-in-Council now has authority to suppress or modify by order or all provisions of the written law, impose a curfew, detain any person for two years, restrict individual movement and hold secret trials.

Women Leaving

Meanwhile, the evacuation of women and children from threatened areas in Malaya continues.

All but three European women have been evacuated from the Batu Arang coalfields to Kuala Lumpur, the Federation capital, and child refugees from Pahang state arrived safely in Singapore.

Police and troops made further sweeps through the jungle and inhabited settlements today in search of Communist terrorists.

Among a number of arrests yesterday, police seized Lew Wal-chong, a wartime commander of Malaya's underground resistance army.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH ENDANGERED IN CHINA

The American-owned Evening Post editorially declared today that if the proposed revision of China's law of publication was adopted by the Legislative Yuan, freedom of speech would be "almost non-existent in this country."

Shanghai, July 15.

The paper enumerated the provisions of the law whereby all publications, "presumably including foreign news agencies," violating the rules could be banned permanently or for specified periods.

The editorial pointed out there are two important aspects of the proposed revision of the law. Firstly, the provisions of the law, as enumerated, are subject to wide interpretation which may cover any criticism of the Government or any Government officials. Secondly, the law makes the entire procedure of the banning of a paper and interpreting the law an administrative crisis.

The full extent of authority is vested in the Ministry of Interior and in the local municipal and provincial governments subject to review of the Ministry of Interior.

"In other words, if the Ministry of Interior should declare a paper has violated any of the provisions it may ban the circulation of the paper permanently or temporarily.

"Local governments also are given wide administrative power in interpreting and enforcing the law."

New Loose

The editorial added that if the law is adopted by the Legislative Yuan, the Ministry of Interior "will be given a new lease of life as China's supreme press lord."

Last May 1 the Truth News Agency in Nanking was suspended for a fortnight by the Ministry for alleged violation of the publication law. The same news agency again was reported to be due for suspension at the time when the Government permanently banned the Nanking edition of the Hsin Min Pao which was charged with pro-Communist propaganda. However, the reported "disciplinary action" against the Agency was not ordered.

Meanwhile, several Chinese newspapers, including the influential Ta Kung Pao in Shanghai, editorially demanded thorough revision of the publication law, taking enforcement out of administrative hands to judicial organs.—United Press.

CRA AND ECA COOPERATION

Shanghai, July 15. The Board of Trustees of the Chinese Relief Administration have initiated negotiations with the China Office of the Economic Co-operation Administration to secure top-level co-ordination in the disposal of relief and rehabilitation supplies in China, according to Chinese press reports today.

The new arrangement under discussion is considered necessary to ensure the full utilization of surplus supplies of the Board by putting them into immediate production.

It is believed there still remains a considerable quantity of residual UNRRA supplies which could be made available to production projects sponsored by the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

Clandestine Radio Seized

Bangkok, July 15. A clandestine radio station has been uncovered by the police here in a school. The station was transmitting messages of a commercial character to Hong Kong, Singapore and Saigon.

The police believe that 12 more clandestine radio stations are in operation in Bangkok. Clandestine stations are more widely used by the Siamese public because of their greater efficiency.—Agence France-Press.

US Bid For NEI Trade

New York, July 14.

The formation of an American-Indonesian Corporation to aid in the development of the economy of the Indonesian Republic was announced today, by Dr Soemtro, the Republic's financial representative in New York.

Soemtro said that Matthew Fox, former Vice-President of International Pictures, would be chairman of the board.

He added that the corporation will be the agent for the Republic in the United States for selling Indonesian commodities owned by the Republic and will also act as a purchasing agent to encourage private trading.—Associated Press.

Senior Officers Arrested

Shanghai, July 15.

Four high-ranking Shanghai Woosung Garrison Command officials were taken into custody yesterday for alleged involvement in black market activities, according to Chinese press reports today.

They included Col. Chang Yuh-min, Chief of the Economic Affairs Department, the reports added.

The four officers, whose duties were chiefly to look after the finance and commodity markets and to curb disturbances in the economic situation here, were alleged to have themselves perpetrated all kinds of economic offences, including speculation in the share market, transactions in gold bars and American dollars and manipulation of commodity prices.

According to information received by the Ministry of National Defence, the officers amassed great fortunes for themselves. They are now expected to be sent to Nanking for investigation.—Reuter.

Expensive Taxi Ride

San Francisco, July 14.

Mr. Bernal P. Jain, a Calcutta merchant, had a \$520 taxi trip before leaving here by trans-continental plane en route for India.

Mr. Jain's costly taxi trip was made from Chicago to San Francisco and took seven days for the 2,000 miles. Mr. Jain said he had made the trip by taxi because he thought it would be a good way of seeing the country.

"I just hailed the cab," he said, "and told the driver to go. When I convinced him I was serious, he asked me if I wouldn't mind a slight delay while he picked up his wife and brought her along. The three of us had a lot of fun."—Reuter.

Kashmir Investigation

New Delhi, July 14.

The Indian Government is asking a five-man United Nations Commission to make a personal investigation of India's complaint that Pakistan has intervened in Kashmir. It was learned unofficially today.

It is understood that India is thinking of taking back its nine-months offer of a plebiscite in Kashmir, since fighting is continuing in the princely state.—United Press.

ACTRESS DIES

Touzac, July 14.

Marguerite Morano, 77, leading French character actress, died early today at her home here of pneumonia. She had been ill for a month.

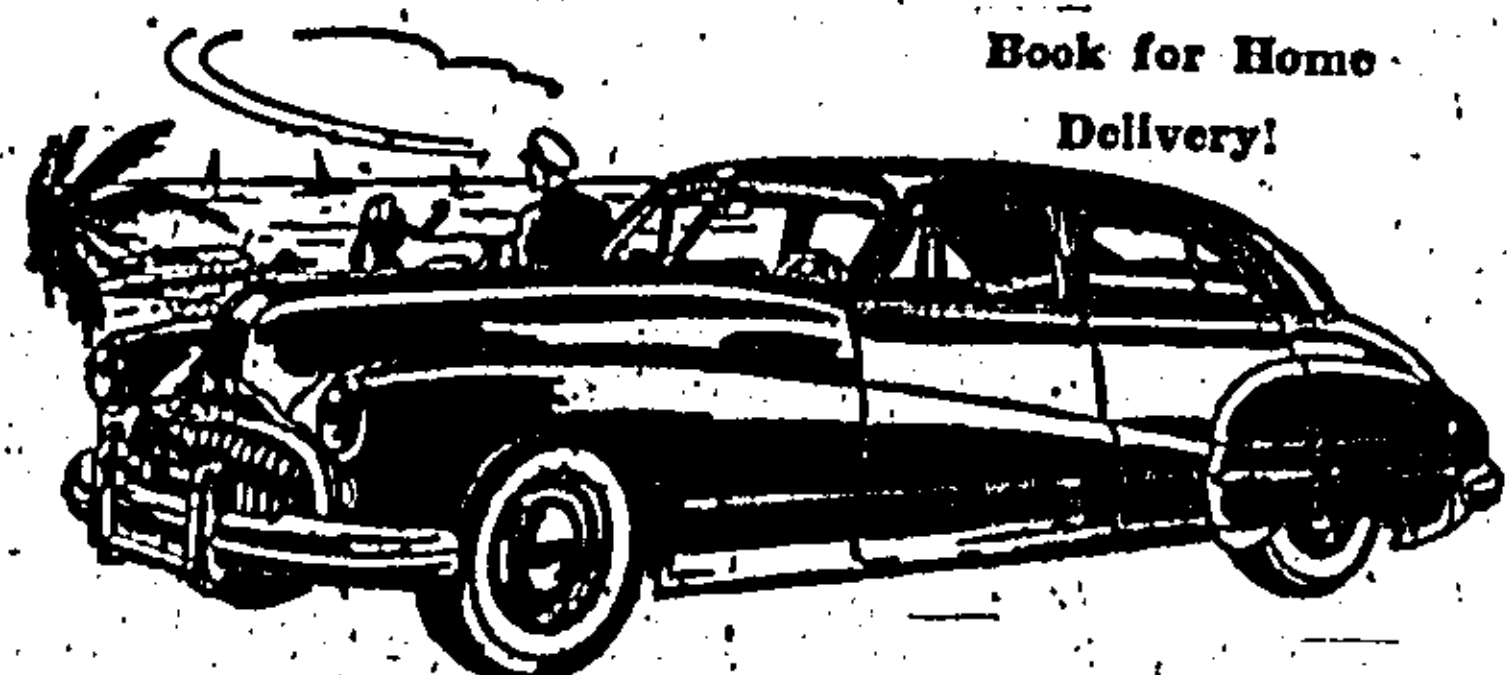
Her last film appearance was in Sartre's "Les Jeux sont Fais" made in 1947. She recently appeared in a variety programme at a Paris theatre.—United Press.

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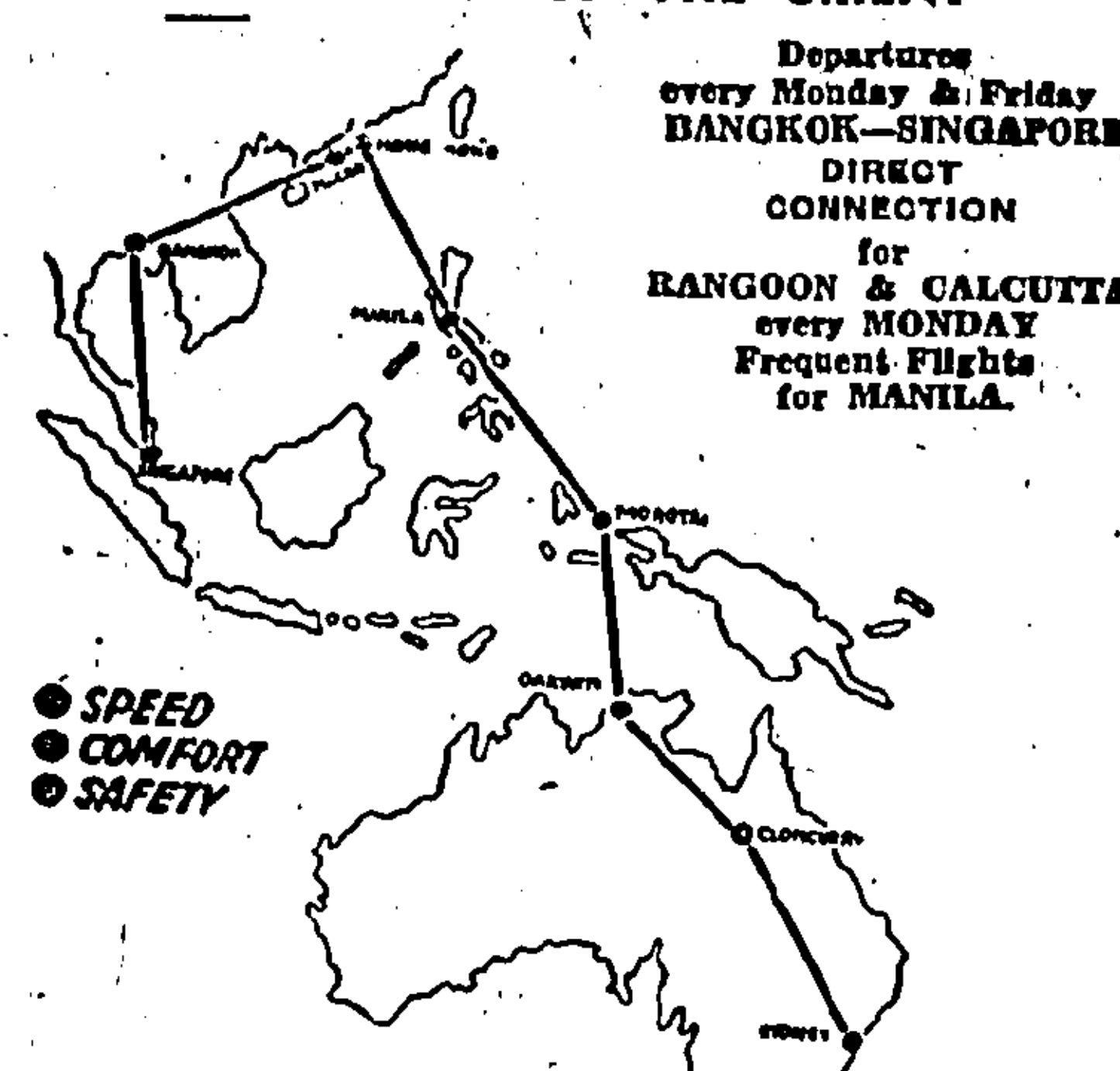
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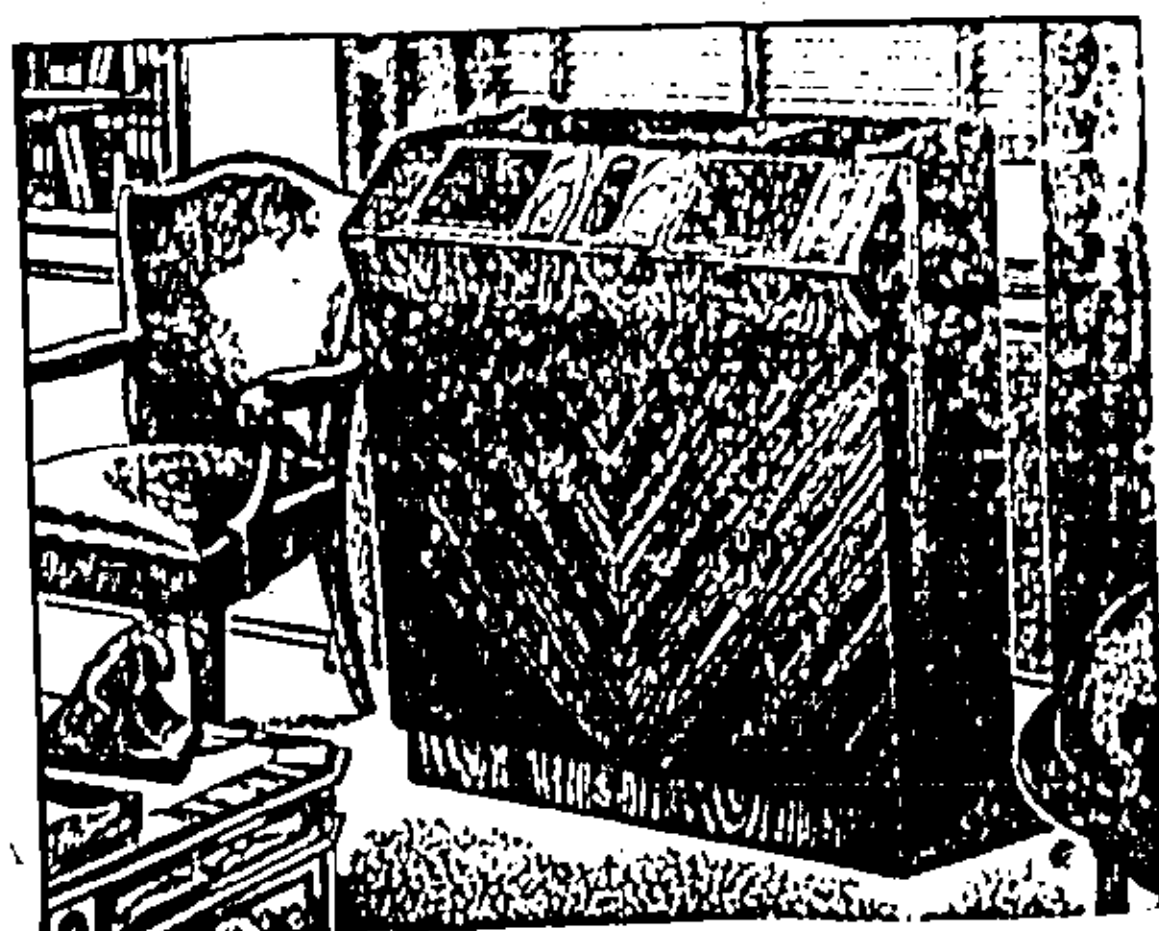
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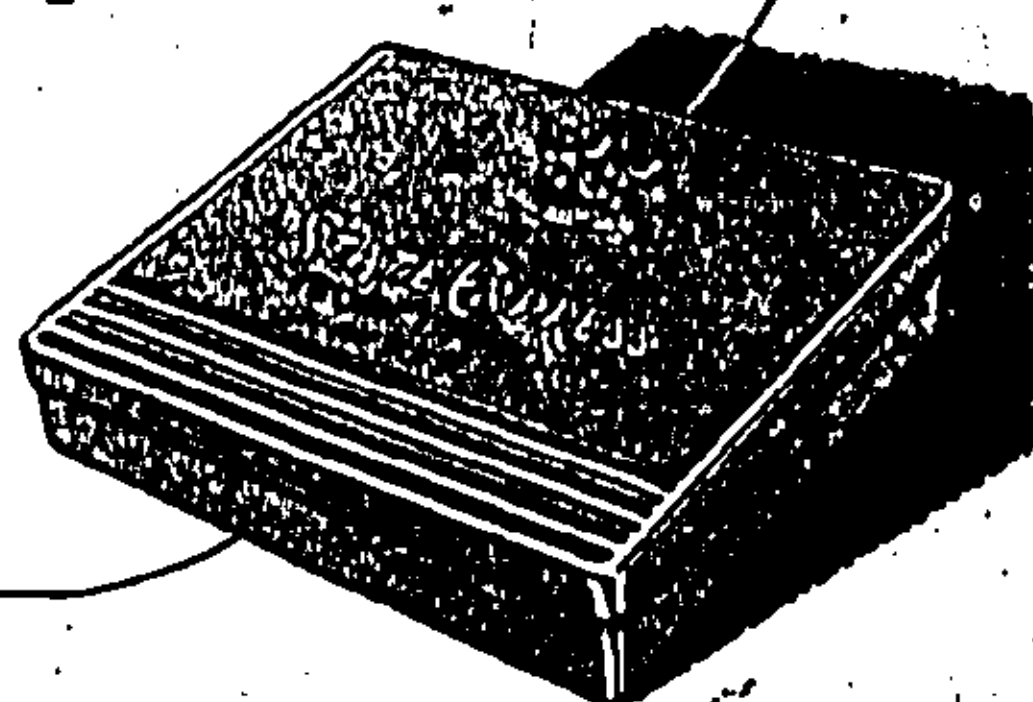
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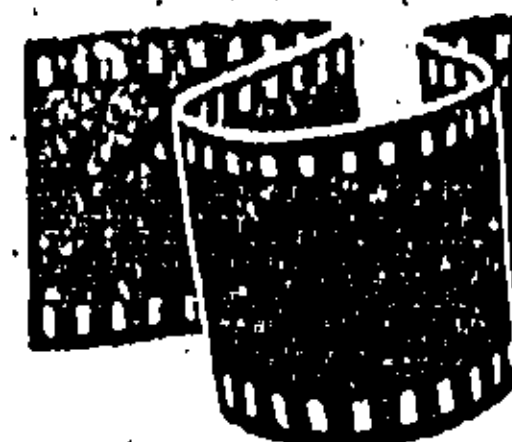
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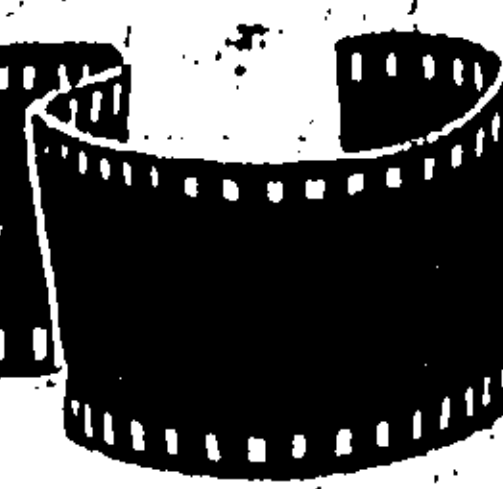
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CINEMA WORLD



"I Became A Criminal"



Nancy (Griffith Jones) is using Sally (Sally Gray) as a shield in the gang battle which is the climax of "I Became A Criminal," a Warner Bros. film showing at the Queen's next week.

NEW COMEDIES COMING FROM BRITAIN

After a fairly long spell of films of the heavy, dramatic type, humour has returned to the London screen. Soon after the light comedy romance of "Spring in Park Lane" came the premiere of "Miranda", a comic fantasy.

Miranda is a mermaid who makes the acquaintance of a young London doctor, on a fishing holiday on the coast of Cornwall, England's most south westerly county. It is her greatest wish to see London, and she persuades him to take her with him.

And so, with her fishtail hidden beneath a long dress, Miranda, ostensibly a cripple, goes to stay with him and his charming wife in their flat. Actually she is so lovely and flirtatious that a number of men are wildly distracted by her.

Although the film script is adapted from a stage-play, it is the film which, by its unlimited technical possibilities, can make the widest possible use of the subject. It can, for instance,

construct such situations as the one in the zoo where, while the sea-lions are being fed with fish, Miranda, watching from her bath-chair, manages to snatch and devour one of the fish, to the amusement of the bystanders.

Humour History

"Miranda" is a welcome reminder of the great tradition of humour in English literature, theatre and art. English caricaturists since Hogarth, English comedies since those of Shakespeare and the Restoration playwrights, satirical literature since Dean Swift, are known to the world over. The cinema in Britain does well if it carries on this tradition in its own way and conveys to world audiences film entertainment of the finest type.

A number of promising humorous films have already been made in Britain. Before World War II Anthony Asquith filmed Terence Rattigan's irresistibly funny comedy "French Without Tears". Even better known as a world success was Asquith's adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion", with the brilliant performance by the late, unforgettable Leslie Howard. Another achievement was Olive Brook's "On Approval", based on Frederick Lonsdale's play.

"Blithe Spirit"

These, however, were not films in which the special possibilities of camera trick technique were exploited with the ingenuity shown in "Miranda". An outstanding example of the use of this technique, possible on the screen only, was "Blithe Spirit". Noel Coward's comedy filmed in Technicolor during the war years.

Here trick technique "brings to life" the spirit of a dead woman and confronts her with her former husband and his second wife. The film became world famous.

But actually it is true enough to say that almost every British film includes some humorous character. Even in a thriller like the recently released "Snowbound" we meet Stanley Holloway in a disarmingly funny part, or enacting a part on a stage.

Francis L. Sullivan in the tense story of an air disaster in "Broken Journey." Film studios in Britain are in the fortunate position of being able to draw on a wealth of comedians of the finest order.

Hollywood "Business"

By Patricia Clary

The trouble with Hollywood, says Sir Cedric Hardwicke, is that it talks about the movie "industry" instead of the movie "art."

Picture people talk about themselves in commercial terms, Sir Cedric said. He thinks it would help along their artistic ambitions if they'd overhaul their vocabulary to give it a cultural slant.

"For example, we always speak of the film 'industry' or the movie 'business,'" he pointed out.

"When we discuss plays, books and stories which may be made into pictures we call them 'material.' We refer to the result of the efforts of our actors, directors and artisans as 'product.'"

"It sounds like we are talking about the operations of a factory."

Play Is All

Sir Cedric doesn't underestimate the importance of a dollar in creative endeavors in Hollywood, or Broadway or in a struggling artist's garret.

"They count the house on Broadway, too," he added. "Broadway people talk about 'show biz' too, but I don't find that their shop talk has as much of the commercial idiom as has Hollywood's."

"It has always seemed significant to me that we 'play' in the theatre, but 'work' in the movies."

Sir Cedric personally agrees, however, that making movies is real work. He says it's much more of a physical strain than enacting a part on a stage.

SHADOWS BEFORE

"THE BIG CLOCK" (Queen's).

Stars: Ray Milland, Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Sullivan.

Story: Even Earl Janoth (Charles Laughton), head of a vast publishing concern, is subject to the whims of women. In a vicious rage he one day kills his "protege" in her flat, and knows that the only danger to himself is from a man whose shadow he saw as he left the building. He tells off his crime editor, George Stroud (Ray Milland) to track down this man, and poor George has to do a convincing job of tracking down himself, without letting either the police or Janoth know just who the man in the flat was. Ray Milland is a past master in the art of being severely haunted and yet managing to rise above it to cope with the situation. Maureen O'Sullivan, in a belated return to the screen, is adequately wide-eyed as Mrs. Stroud. (Paramount).

up with a gang of black mar-keteers run by Nancy (Griffith Jones). Later he tries to back out, and is framed by the gang and imprisoned. In prison he is seduced by Sally (Sally Gray), Nancy's girlfriend, who wants him to revenge Nancy's desertion of her. Morgan escapes, and through an accident is accused of a murder which he did not commit. In desperation he faces the gang in their Soho hide-out, knowing only that Nancy is his wife, and manages to force a showdown in the end. This film is a new departure for all of the top stars, especially for Trevor Howard (the gentle doctor of "Brief Encounter") and Griffith Jones (the gentle squire of "The Wicked Lady"), and is firmly realistic—almost too much so. (Warner Bros.).

CINE MODITIES

"IT HAD TO BE YOU" (King's).

Stars: Ginger Rogers, Cornel Wilde.

Story: The stars are more important. The story is a muddle about an Indian complex suffered by Victoria Stafford (Ginger) which makes all her dream men Indians, and has the unfortunate result of materialising one of her dreams into Indian "George McGavin" (Wilde) who very definitely persists in his attentions. She is not deterred when she meets her Indian in a business suit, in the person of fireman Johnny Blaine (yes, Wilde again). Somehow it all straightens out. Australian actor Ron Randall has his best Hollywood role to date as the man Victoria might have married but didn't before the Indians struck. (Columbia).

PRINCESS KANZA Omar, a professional dancer who claims descent from the house of Prince Mohammed, High Priest of Syria, plays a role in "The Bishop's Wife," a Samuel Goldwyn production starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven for RKO Radio release.

CARY GRANT whose real name was Archibald Leach, is boasting to Myrna Loy on the set of RKO Radio's "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," that he had become an uncle for the fifth time and that the baby would be named Cary. "Which means your English relations have given you a new Leach on life," Myrna quipped.

FRED MacMURRY, while filming "The Miracle of the Bells," a Jesse L. Lasky-Walter MacEwen production for RKO Radio release, told about the newly rich Hollywoodite who built a home with three swimming pools. One pool had cold water, the second warm water, and the third no water at all. "Some of my best friends can't swim a stroke," was the way the third pool was explained.

"LURED" (Lee).

Stars: George Sanders, Lucille Ball, Charles Coburn.

Story: This is an intriguing drama with, for the most part, an unusual twist. Scotland Yard is puzzled to tatters about the murders of eight beautiful girls who answered Personal ads, and disappeared. They enlist the aid of Sandra Carpenter (Lucille Ball), to answer any future ads, and "see what happens." Plenty does before Sandra manages to track down the real murderer—after having suspected half a dozen innocent bystanders and onlookers—and win the love of a good man (played, in his own unmatched cynicism and aloof way, by George Sanders). In Hollywood, crime seems to have paid so successfully that it is even becoming intelligent. (United Artists).

"IVY" (King's).

Stars: Joan Fontaine, Herbert Marshall, Richard Ney.

Story: "Ivy" is a plush-covered murder which just escapes being mellerdrammer. Ivy Lexton (Joan Fontaine) loves money more than her husband, so she plans to murder him and have a persistent adulterer convicted of the murder, and thus be free to enjoy the delights which wealthy Miles Rushworth (Herbert Marshall) can provide. The flaw in this operation is that the investigating Inspector Orpington (Sir Cedric Hardwicke) happens to have instincts which tell him that Dr. Gretores (Patric Knowles) is innocent and Ivy guilty. He pursues his investigations on this line and Ivy meets her just deserts rather stickily at the bottom of a lift shaft. Joan Fontaine is flawlessly beautiful as Ivy, and manages to be a convincing murderer without antagonising anybody. (Universal International).

"I BECAME A CRIMINAL" (Queen's).

Stars: Sally Gray, Trevor Howard.

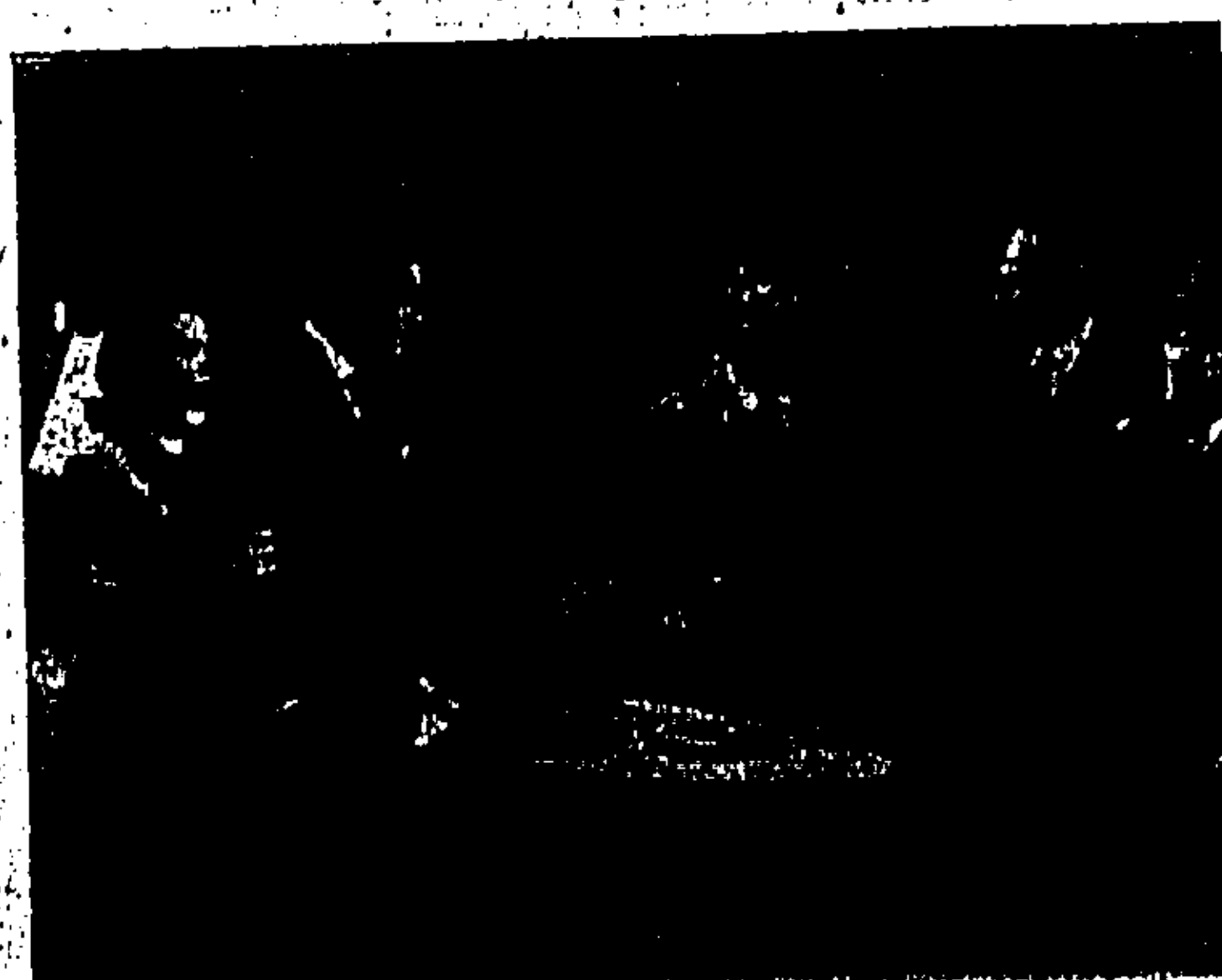
Story: Clem Morgan (Trevor Howard), ex-R.A.F. officer, joins

Current Shows

KING'S: "It Had To Be You" stars gorgeous Ginger Rogers with Cornel Wilde in an Indian trick without reservation. (Columbia).

QUEEN'S: "Treasure of Sierra Madre." A tough story of

"The Big Clock"



The evidence of the "Big Clock" has convicted Earl Janoth (Charles Laughton) of murder, and his efforts to escape from George Stroud (Ray Milland) and the accusations of his secretary, Hygen (Sally Gray) only bring about his final downfall. (Paramount).



Jervie Lexton (Richard Ney) and his loving wife, Ivy (Joan Fontaine) at the balloon festival, where Ivy meets a wealthy man for whom she is willing to murder her husband. (Universal-International)

tough men on the trail of gold. (Warner Bros.)

LEE: "Chryseide." Wild West drama, with Dennis Morgan and Jane Wyman. (Warner Bros.)

STAR: "Dark Passage", starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in a huntin' and shootin' thriller.

"ON LOCATION" IS NO FUN

Movie making these days resembles a year-round vacation, in some ways.

Take Tyrone Power, for instance, who in one year travels to the vacation spots of Mexico, Sun Valley and Italy, all expenses paid and drawing a couple of thousand dollars a week besides.

The resemblance to a vacation stops right there, Power says. He visits the world's best vacation spots, all right, but he can't get a vacation. He works harder than he does at home.

"Locations are no vacation," he said emphatically. "You have to get up early; you have to work hard under uncomfortable conditions. And studios aren't anxious to delay the expensive location stay by giving their stars time off for sight-seeing."

Power's location trips are a result of the new movie colony epidemic, especially virulent at 20th Century-Fox, of making movies in their actual settings. Critics say it makes them more realistic.

"Captain From Castile" took Power to the Mexican resort of Acapulco and other towns for several months. When he finishes "Leave It to the Boys," he goes to Sun Valley, Idaho, the new resort, for "That Wonderful Night." He expects to leave in July to star in 20th Century-Fox's "Prince of Foxes" in Italy.

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JAPAN'S FOOD SHORTAGE

With Needs Likely To Increase

Washington, July 14.

Japan will be required to import about 2,200,000 metric tons of food in the fiscal year 1949, and has little prospect of becoming self-supporting in the foreseeable future unless other Far Eastern countries overcome their reluctance to aid in the development of Japanese industries and maritime activity.

These conclusions were made in a U.S. Department of the Army report on food conditions in Japan and Korea, and factors affecting Far Eastern food procurement, made public today.

The report, which followed an inspection tour by two officers through the Far East last April and May, predicted that Korea should be self-sufficient in food after December, 1948, if the present drought does not continue.

Other conclusions revealed were:

1. Japanese food import requirements will tend to increase rather than decrease because of increasing population.
2. The degree of control exercised over the distribution of food in Japan is more stringent than in any other country in the world.
3. Of the 2,200,000 metric tons of food imports required for Japan in the 1949 fiscal year, 1,050,000 tons should be cereals or cereal substitutes.

4. Korea may be able to export a small amount of rice in the calendar year 1949 "if crop conditions are favourable and the political situation is stable."

5. The increasing amounts of food for Japan which will become available in the Far East in 1949 should be procured to the maximum and tied in closely with the Japanese export programme.

The report said that the obstacles to the development of Japanese industrial and maritime activity needed to make the islands self-supporting were:

1. Reluctance of other Far Eastern countries to assist Japanese recovery (particularly in the Philippines and China).
2. "Intense nationalism on the part of Asiatic countries and their determination to achieve national self-sufficiency."

3. Currency restrictions and limitations on the travel of Japanese businessmen.

4. "A growing tendency on the part of Asiatic countries toward Government controlled economies."

In examining the trade prospects for Japan with other Far Eastern countries, the report urged that trade missions be exchanged with both Burma and Siam.

"Because of the policy of governmental control over foreign trade, Burma would not welcome individual Japanese traders, but is receptive to Government trading."

Trade prospects were found to be most favourable with Siam because of the lack of Siamese animosity towards the Japanese and the continued need for manufactured goods. The report added: "Siam is ready to send a trade delegation to Japan. A similar delegation from Japan to Siam sent at an early date would meet with a friendly reception."

Factories for Philippines

Manila, July 14.

A large New York manufacturing company will establish factories in the Philippines for the production of children's garments. An agreement to this effect may be concluded this month between the American firm and the Government-owned National Development Company. It was reported today.

It is proposed to establish a central factory in Manila and branch units in a number of provinces, especially in centres of population.—Reuter.

CHAOS-BREEDING POLICY

Washington, July 14.

In an editorial on Soviet policy in Korea, the evening "Star" said today that that policy "is of course part of its worldwide pattern of chaos-breeding obstruction."

"The Russians are trying to get what they want by wearing us down," it said. "We can only remain firm and refuse to be worn down."

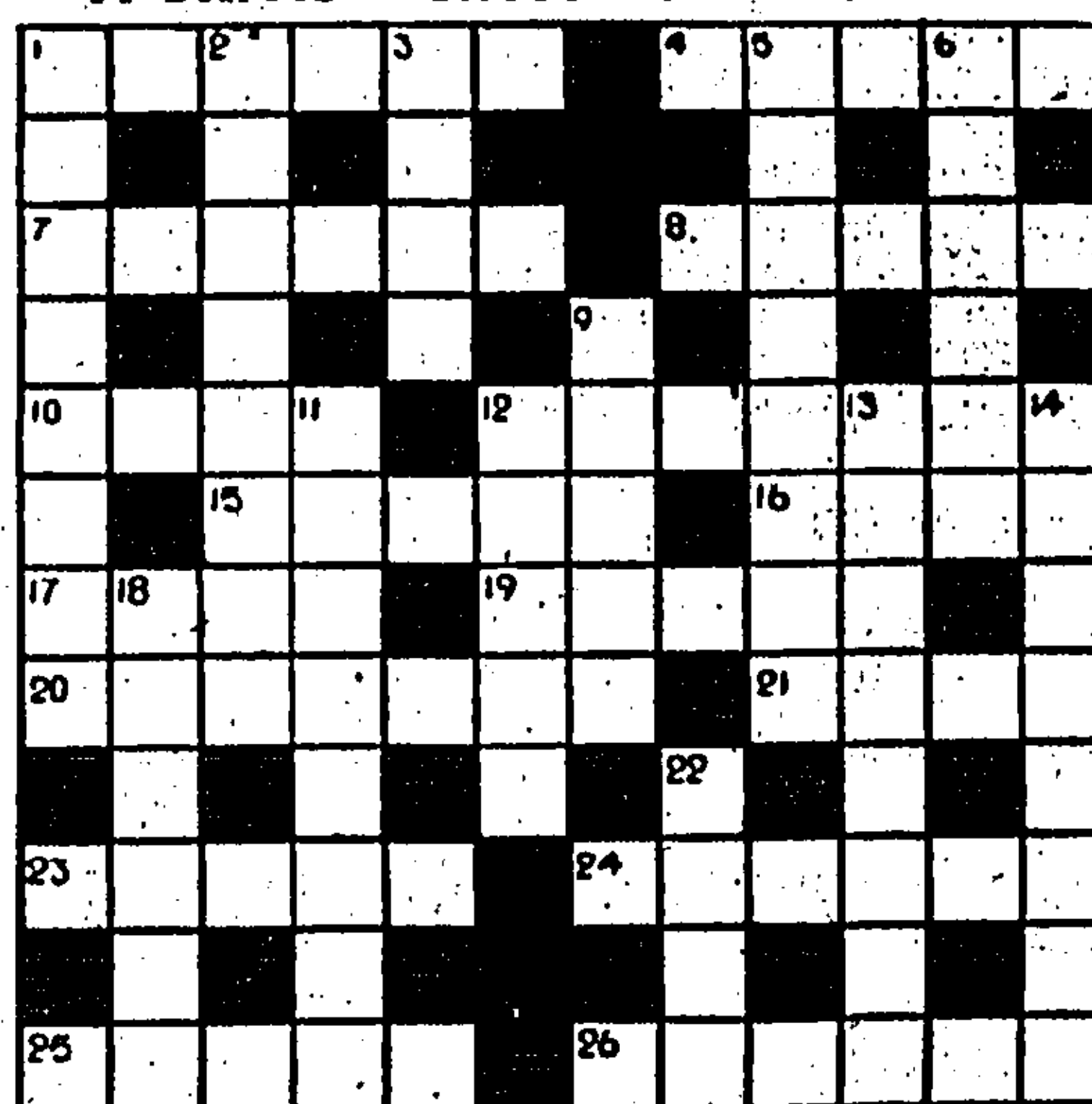
"Through the Communist-dominated puppet regime in the Red occupation zone, the Soviet Union is showing no let-up in its effort to frustrate the United Nations in Korea."—United Press.

STUDENT SHOTS GIRL-FRIEND

Seattle, July 14.

A 42-year-old University of Washington art student today shot and killed the highest-ranking woman officer of the 13th Naval District during a lovers' quarrel and then critically wounded himself.

The coroner, Mr. John Brill, said that Vernon S. Allen was rushed to hospital in critical condition after shooting attractive WAVE Lt.-Cmdr. Margaret Jones, 41, because she refused to marry him. Lt.-Cmdr. Jones died almost instantly.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE**Clues Across**

- 1 Violent dislike.
- 4 Minimum.
- 7 Gael.
- 8 Sheen.
- 10 Solitary.
- 12 Bunch.
- 13 Bright light.
- 16 Volume.
- 17 Storage chamber.
- 19 Keen.
- 20 Slight.
- 21 Let fall.
- 23 Countrified.
- 24 Standard.
- 25 Confusion.
- 26 Words.

Clues Down

- 1 Desperate.
- 2 Three-sided figure.
- 3 Black.
- 5 Joined up.
- 6 Method.
- 9 Lucid.
- 11 Stretch basket.
- 12 Angler's.
- 13 Deluges.
- 14 Breathes.
- 18 Deceive.
- 22 Rescue.
- 26 Thrashes.

Yesterday's Crossword
 Across:—3 Demolish, 8 Assault, 9 Assigned, 11 Redolent, 12 Stun, 13 Scrub, 16 Totem, 19 Able, 22 Pastoral, 24 Revellie, 25

Down:—1 Parry, 2 Aside, 3 Dialect, 4 Else, 5 Omit, 6 Innate, 7 Hiding, 10 Snout, 14 Royal, 15 Beaters, 16 Parrot, 17 Clever, 20 Tread, 21 Cling, 22 Pips, 23 Shoe.

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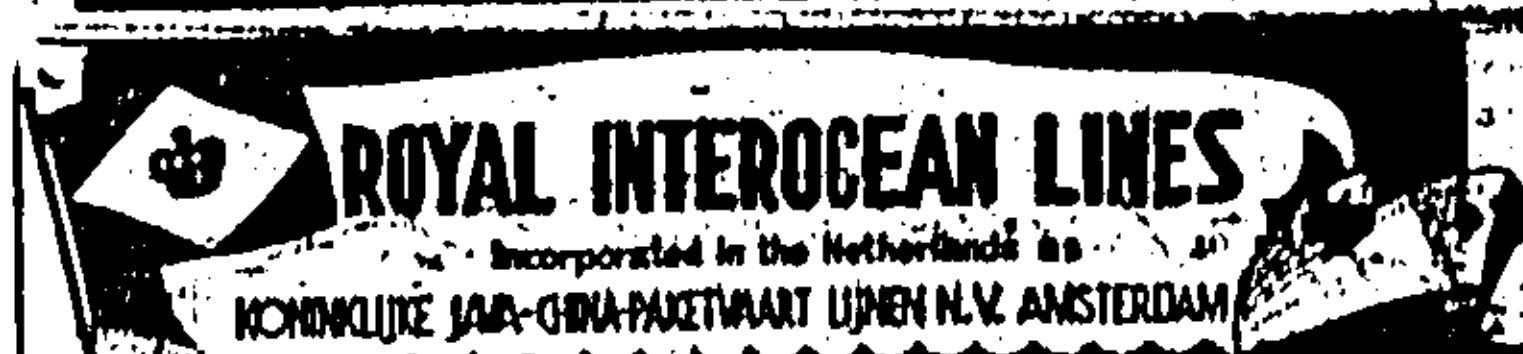
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Yongong Rubbers 3½
Zhanghe Rubbers 7½

Money Market
Gold had another brisk day yesterday, opening at 328.00 a tael, rising to 330.00 and closing at 330.00 at 11.15 a.m. In the afternoon it went up to 332.50, the highest rate of the day. Profit-taking brought the price down to 330.37½ at the close.

Deliveries totalled 5,000 taels, of which 1,000 were official and 4,000, unofficial.

Plastres climbed to 111.80 a 100, after opening at 111.85, but fell back to 111.72 at the close.

Chinese National Currency was on the down grade yesterday. Futures opened at 14½ cents (for CN\$10,000), went up to 14.5-8 cents, and then dropped to 13 cents. Spot dropped to 13½ cents after opening at 14½ cents.

100 taels were unchanged at 325.80 a 100, as also were NEI Guilders at 445.20 a 100.

U.S. dollars eased off to 55.43½.

Sterling appreciated to 14.15, while Australian pounds remained unchanged at 210.55.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told a press conference today that the Government believes it has stopped the inflationary spiral in Britain.

Not only has the cost of living index been stable for the past 12 months, he said, but some non-essential industries have run into sales resistance and other difficulties.

He saw no danger, however, of a general slump or mass unemployment resulting from Government's success so far in mopping up surplus money in high taxes and other controls.

Nor, he said, is there any case yet for relaxing or controls.

Sir Stafford said that the overall effect is not very marked yet, and there is nothing in it to cause surprise or alarm. Indeed, it is only the first step in the direction in which we have to go.

"We see no reason to regret that these things are happening; they are in fact just what we wish to bring about. Certainly, we have not yet reached the point where we should consider steps to counteract it."

He said there has been an appreciable slackening in the home demand for electric clocks, radio sets, electrical appliances, carpet sweepers, certain kinds of clothing, leather goods, wines and spirits and expensive tinned foods.

European trade, he said that the scheme would operate outside the Bank for International Settlements, but declined to go into details.

Sir Stafford conceded that Marshall aid might keep up prices which Britain has to pay in the world markets, because it would increase the demand for scarce goods.

He said that Egyptian cotton prices have risen 60 per cent since the beginning of the year because so many countries are seeking non-dollar cotton.

"Russia is a very heavy buyer," he said.

He said he had an "extremely satisfactory and very helpful" talk with the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley.

He said: "We clarified for one another the economic position of our countries. He has promised to assist in our difficulties in every way."—United Press.

Malaya Tin Duty Questions
The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, denied today that the export duty on tin ore in Malaya had been abolished as stated by Mr. Leonard Gamman, Conservative, in the House of Commons.

"What has been abolished is the additional duty on tin ore exported otherwise than for smelting in certain British territories," he said. "This action was taken because differential export duties of this kind are contrary to the general agreement on tariff and trade, the provisional application of which to the Federation of Malaya has recently been notified to the Secretary General of the United Nations."

"I was satisfied that the advantages of this action to the Federation of Malaya outweighed the possible disadvantages."

Mr. Gamman asked if this was an additional duty which had been abolished and not the ordinary duty, would the Minister say when that additional duty was put on and why?

Mr. Creech Jones replied that he would notice of that question.—Reuter.

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London Stock Exchange

London, July 14.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2½% 104
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Sinking Loan, 4½% 106/100 105
War Loan, 3½% 102½
War Loan, 3½% 102½
Victory Bonds, 6% 115

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Rand Mines 64/10
Spring Mines 6/8
Tutor Tea Co. 17/15
Union Corporation 22/8

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BANKS:
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C. 11 1/8
H.K. & Shanghai Banking (Ord.) 11 1/2
Merrill Lynch Bank of India "A" 27 1/2
—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS
Chicago, July 15.
July and May wheat sunk to low 22½, putting them under the Government loan level for cash wheat. Wheat closed unchanged to 4½ lower.

July \$2.27 1/2, September \$2.29 1/2-5/8, December \$2.31 1/2-5/8, May \$2.27 1/2, Corn was 1/2 lower to 3 1/2 higher, July \$2.08 1/2-5/8, Oats were unchanged to 1/2 lower, July 83 1/2-5/8, Soybeans were 1/2 to 1/4 lower, July \$3.67 1/2-5/8. —Associated Press.

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BAMBOO SHOOTS AND CAVIARE FOR GAMES FOOD PROBLEMS AT OLYMPICS

London, July 14.
As the invasion of London by Olympic competitors from all parts of the world gathers momentum—representatives of more than 20 nations have already taken up residence in the various Olympic camps—the storing and distribution of vast amounts of food becomes a major problem.

The extra food and delicacies brought or being sent by various teams to augment their rations in Britain range from caviare and cream for the Swedes and bamboo shoots for the Chinese to tubes of vitamins for Argentina's competitors and wines and liquors for the Hungarians.

In addition to their cream, the Swedes are sending 1,500 pounds of sprats—a small fish of the herring family. The Mexicans are hoping that 150 pumpkins and some extra strong Mexican cigarettes will help to keep their athletes in top form.

Advice has been received by the Games organisers in London that the Spanish "provision committee" will arrive from Valencia on Saturday with two and a half tons of food. This will include 500 pounds of ham, 120 pounds of chocolate, 3,750 eggs, 150 litres of brandy and 75 litres of oil.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT UPSETS

Gustard, July 14.
There were several surprises when the international lawn tennis championships of Switzerland were continued here today in between rain showers which have hampered play since the meeting opened on Monday.

Najar, of Egypt, beat the one-armed Austrian champion, Hans Reil, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 in a second round match of the men's singles, while Cooen, also of Egypt, beat C. Bousle, of France, 6-7, 6-3.

The Australian, Frank Sedgman, defeated the Spanish champion, Bartoli, 6-4, 6-1.

In the women's singles, Madame Weiss, of Argentina, beat the Swiss champion, Mille, 6-4, 6-1, while Austrian champion, Henri Cooen, beat Roger Dubois, in today's International Tennis tournament.

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United Press.

SURPRISE FOR CHAMPION

Noordwijk, Holland, July 14.
United States' Job Falkenberg, Wimbledon champion, teaming with his compatriot, Bill Robertson, was surprisingly beaten 6-0 and 6-4 by the French pair, Henri Cooen and Roger Dubois, in today's International Tennis tournament.

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LARGE DIVAN IN PEKING ROAD

When Inspector H. C. Timms raided 29 Peking Road, first floor, on the night of July 14 he found the rear portion fitted out as an opium divan with Chan Shing in charge.

Business for the night had not yet started and so there were no customers on the premises, said Inspector J. Orem when Chan was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with keeping a divan, possession of 52 pots (7.5 mace) opium, and seven opium pipes.

The opium seized, said Inspector Orem, was one of the largest quantities found in a divan and showed that the place must have been well patronised.

Defendants were fined a total of \$425.

The same penalty was imposed by Mr. J. Wicks on Ip Hung who pleaded guilty to the charges of keeping an opium divan in an unnumbered hut at the rear of 3,110 Canton Road and possession of 2.5 mace of prepared opium on July 14.

Sub-inspector J. B. Howarth said that the place was raided by

Lawn Bowls Teams For Week-End

FILIPINO CLUB
Filipino Club v. I.R.C. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.

L. S. de Silva, R. J. Manalac, J. W. Lee and W. Field (Skip).
F. Rodriguez, A. Y. Lee, H. Y. Hsu and W. Ogley (Skip).
C. F. Lee, J. Delgado, John Cotton and Dan Rozario (Skip).
(R.C.R.)

"A" Div. v. Club de Recreio (Home).
A. R. Ritchie, A. M. Wahab, S. Yusuf and J. Hosen (Skip).

M. I. Hasek, K. M. Runjahn, Runjahn A. R. Minu and U. A. Runjahn (Skip).
M. Y. Adal, A. K. Minu (Skip).
Hasek and K. B. G. C.

2nd Team v. H.K. Electric (Home) on Saturday, at 4 p.m.

R. J. Wigginton, A. L. Lammer, F. A. Atkins and G. E. Thompson (Skip).

R. P. Phillips, M. L. Hardie, J. Hemmings and G. Y. (Skip).
W. H. Bailey, K. C. Hamilton, V. C. Dixon and S. H. Strang (Skip).
Reserve—J. S. Dinneen.

1st Div. v. Kowloon Cricket Club (Away).
J. W. Leonard, L. C. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).

J. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A. M. Omar and J. S. Landolt (Skip).
A. A. Razack, M. A. Baptista, K. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (Skip).

2nd Div. v. Club de Recreio (Home) on Saturday, at 4 p.m.

"B" Div. v. H. W. Randall, John Pau and E. S. Franks (Skip).
A. H. Runjahn, G. C. Lam, J. N. Wong and A. W. Coelho (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, G. A. Souza, E. el Arcuelli and M. J. Medina (Skip).
Reserve—G. Hong Choy and S. A. R. Sux.

H.K.E.C.
v. K.B.C. at Kowloon 3.30 p.m.

E. Poulson, F. H. Fed, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (skip);
J. O. Stokoe, J. C. Maundy, A. J. Gardner and V. Bonch (skip);
W. Stonehouse, J. H. Collins, G. W. K. Crawford and J. R. Bottomley (skip).

H.K.F.C.
1st Team v. Kowloon Dock Club (Home) at 3.30 p.m.

A. B. Coleman, B. I. Blackford, C. H. Gough and K. Robertson (skip);
J. S. Howell, J. O'Grady, J. Bradley and N. Bebbington (skip).

B. A. Mansell, J. Hayward, Dr. J. Selby and L. A. Collier (skip);
2nd Team v. Prison Officers Club at Stanley at 4 p.m.

R. Barker, A. Bailey, C. Carr and K. Forry (skip);
W. Ritchie, T. Morgan, C. Strang and G. Willerton (skip);
L. Hamley, L. Strang, T. Walker and J. Dickson (skip).

The following will represent the Prison Officers' Club against the Hong Kong Football Club in the Second Division "B" match at Stanley on Saturday (4 p.m.):
A. W. Hancock, J. E. Burns, F. M. Hill and A. J. Shaw, J. V. MacGrath and W. C. Higgs (skip);
Com. W. L. Harrison, L. W. Grace, C. Jamieson and R. G. Robertson (skip).

Reserve: J. W. Grant, P. Le Tessler, A. S. Fleming and J. S. Joyce.

H.K.C.C.
The following will represent the H.K.C. against Talook on Saturday commencing at 3.30 p.m. on the Clatter Road ground:
J. Mout, E. Hosper, W. Williamson, J. Prentice (skip);
R. F. Lee, G. J. R. Mitchell, R. A. Edwards, A. R. Brown (skip).

G. Sewall, L. E. Lammert, R. R. Davies and R. H. Wild. (skip);
Reserve: F. D. Angus.

1st Division v. Craigengower C.C. at home at 4.00 p.m.

George Lee, S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, and F. Goodwin (skip);
V. C. Labrum, F. E. Shinner, J. M. Forrest and E. C. Fincher (skip).

A. J. Kew, T. Lock, J. Orem and C. S. Rossfield (skip);
2nd Division "A" v. Club de Recreio "A" away.

J. Tindall, S. E. Trueman, J. Tibble and A. Steven (skip);
W. H. Colledge, J. Brezny, R. A. Capell, and A. E. P. Guest (skip);
Tribble, C. Champelovier, R. Leigh and C. Pope (skip).

HARE CHASES THE GREYHOUNDS?

London, July 14.
The hare chased the greyhounds in the first race at Southend tonight, but the well-trained bounds completed the course without the mechanical hares' traps were sprung for the first time.

But the hares did not earn the dogs a bite. They had to run the race again for the benefit of backers.—Associated Press.

WASHBROOK STILL TOP OF AVERAGES

London, July 14.
The leading six positions in County Championship batting:

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Highest	Avg.
C. Washbrook	20	3	1,248	200	62.92
T. Pearce	20	4	1,007	219 not out	62.03
Dennis Compton	47	4	1,409	252	61.20
J. Crapp	25	4	1,196	127	56.95
L. Hutton	22	2	1,110	176 not out	55.50
H. Dollery	26	4	1,161	167	52.31

The leading six positions in bowling:

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Gladwin	492	181	1,038	71	14.61
J. Bailey	508.2	183	908	61	14.88
J. H. Wardle	407.4	268	1,393	91	15.30
G. Pope	474.4	127	1,099	71	15.47
L. Muncer	798.2	247	1,668	100	16.68
T. Pritchard	636.4	124	1,721	99	17.38

—Reuter.

DISORDERS SWEEPING THROUGH ITALY

Rome, July 14.

The attempted assassination of Italy's Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, plunged the country into disorders which so far have claimed at least five lives, while a general strike has been called in protest against the shooting.

Doctors reported that the Communist leader had improved slightly after the two bullets had been removed from his body and two quarts of blood transfused into his veins.

Many Italians feared the shooting might lead to an attempt by the extreme left to seize the power it failed to win in the April elections.

The general strike throughout Italy was called by the Communist-led General Labour Confederation to begin at midnight. No time limit was set for the walk-out. It threatened to paralyse Italy's food, transport and industry.

Most industrial cities were already made idle by the wave of strikes which swept the nation. Workers seized the biggest factories in industrial Turin. The Mediterranean city of Plombino was reported in Communist hands.

Central-Union Committee of the Government-operated railroads approved a "spontaneous" strike.

Police seized 35-year-old Antonio Pallante, a Sicilian Nationalist, who pumped the bullets into the Moscow-trained Communist leader. Soon shouting crowds filled the square and the Chamber of Deputies building. Thousands of police reserves grappled with mobs storming the building.

In Parliament Communist Deputy Giancarlo Pajetta demanded a vote of non-confidence in Government. De Gasperi spoke to the chamber deploring the shooting. He was interrupted constantly.

The political storm aroused by the attack, upon Togliatti swept through the land.

Flash strikes hit Rome, Milan, Livorno, Naples, Benevento, Terni and other industrial cities. Workers surged into the streets and in Bologna they set fire to the headquarters of the Liberal, the Rightist Common Man, and the moderate Socialist parties.

Red Accusation
Police, who grilled Togliatti's assailant, got from him the admission he had long plotted the killing. He said he belonged to no political party since he deserted the liberal (conservative) party in 1946.

They quoted the assailant as saying he could not as an Italian "tolerate" Togliatti's participation in meetings of the Cominform.

The Executive Committee of the Communist Party charged that the "frenzied campaign of hate and violence inspired and directed by the Government to strike at a man and the parties of labour, armed the assassin's hand."

It accused De Gasperi of "wounding mortally the democracy and liberty of the Italian people."

To Moscow "Radio" reported tonight that Generalissimo Stalin had sent a telegram to the Italian Communist Party saying that Russia was "indignant" at the attempt on the life of Togliatti.

The Generalissimo's telegram said: "The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is outraged by the villainous attempt of an outcast of humanity on the life of the leader of the working class and all the labouring people of Italy, on our well-loved comrade Togliatti."

The Central Committee is gripped that Comrade Togliatti's friends were not able to protect him from a foul underhand attack.—Associated Press and Reuter.

MARKOS OFFERS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Athens, July 14.

The rebel leader, General Markos Vafiades, today offered to begin peace negotiations with the Government. The offer was made over the rebel radio.

Premier Constantine Tsaldaris and the Minister of War, George Stratos, said they would not discuss peace until the rebels first surrendered unconditionally. This is the second peace offer from Markos in six weeks.

Markos' radio appeal said: "Free Greece at this critical moment again declares that it is ready to accept any honest democratic agreement to help all Greeks."

Meanwhile Greek armies converging on the guerrilla stronghold of the Pindus mountains have tightened the pincers against the south of Epirus.

Two branches of the army were said to be only 12 kilometres apart.

On the west the Ninth Army surrounded the key 5,000-ft mountain of Larissa and Yfylla, north-east of Larissa.

In Larissa, a court martial sentenced two women and 10 men to death and eight others to life in jail. All were accused of being members of the Communist underground.—United Press.

GRACE CENTENARY: GENTS VS. PLAYERS RAIN INTERFERES AT LORDS

Queen Ingrid's Accident

Copenhagen, July 14.

Queen Ingrid of Norway, 39, and her two small daughters, Princesses Margrethe, 8, and Anne Marie, 23 months, were reported to be in a satisfactory condition tonight after they suffered superficial injuries in a car accident today.

The Queen was driving the royal car to a bathing beach when sudden rain made the road slippery. The Queen lost control and the car crashed into a tree near the Royal residence at Grasten.

The chauffeur, who was sitting by her side, suffered the worst injuries, a fractured skull and concussion.

A farmer's wife, who was first on the scene, said the Queen was caught between the wheel and the seat but managed to extricate herself.

Although blood was streaming from cuts in her face, she was said to be calm and immediately helped the bleeding and sobbing Princesses from the wrecked car.

It was reported earlier that the Queen had suffered a fractured knee cap.

King Frederik was summoned from the Castle and arrived at the scene of the accident at the same time as three ambulances came up. He went along with his wife and daughters to hospital.—Associated Press.

Objection To Sale Of 'Ajax'

London, July 15.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, refused to promise in the House of Commons today that Britain would not sell warships to any foreign country occupying British territory.

Such a promise was sought by Sir Ronald Ross, Ulster Unionist, during Question Time in the House. Although he mentioned no country, he obviously had in mind Chile, with whom Britain is negotiating to sell the cruiser Ajax.

Britain contends that Chile is occupying British territory in the Antarctic.

Mr. Mayhew said: "It would serve no useful purpose for the Foreign Secretary to enter into a general undertaking of this nature. Each case should be judged on its merits as it arises."

Sir Ronald Ross asked: "Will not the sale of Ajax of any British policy of such a power to a constellation of an illegal act of that power?"

Mr. Mayhew: "No, sir. The proper way of dealing with a legal dispute is by normal peaceful and legal methods."—United Press.

COMMUNIST BREAK "PRETTY DEEP"

Washington, July 15.

Mr. Cavendish W. Cannon, United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, recommended today a policy of "watchful waiting" towards the differences between Marshal Tito's regime and Communist leaders.

Mr. Cannon reported to President Truman before returning to his post at Belgrade later this week. He would not discuss his talk with the President other than to say he had talked about the differences appearing in the Communist front in Eastern Europe.

He said that the break between the Soviet-dominated Cominform and Marshal Tito appeared to be getting "pretty deep."—Reuter.

CHINESE SOCCER DEFEAT

Calcutta, July 14.

Chinese footballers badly let down their supporters here today in the second exhibition match between the Chinese and the East Bengal local side. The Chinese lost by two goals to nil.

A rain-soaked field also affected the Chinese Olympic team's play. The crowd was seriously annoyed over the Chinese play, which was panned by fouls.—Associated Press.

Rain again affected most of today's county cricket matches and was not possible to start the Surrey versus Leicestershire game at Kennington Oval, London.

In addition, no play was possible before lunch in two other matches, while interruptions occurred in most games during the afternoon. This was unfortunate, as it could be termed "Grace Day's" fixture at Lords was a commemorative game of the centenary of the birth of Lr. W. G. Grace, perhaps cricket's most famous personality.

Gloucestershire Dr. Grace's home county, and Derbyshire were also celebrating Dr. Grace's birth with their Bristol fixture. The fact that the Gentlemen, sent in to bat after Hutton had won the toss, scored only 150 for four wickets shows that a full day's play was not possible at Lords.

J. G. Dewes, the Cambridge captain, 45 and Bill Edrich's 32 gave the Gentlemen a good start, but three wickets fell quickly. Then Tom Pearce the Essex captain (24 not out) and Norman Yardley, the England and Yorkshire captain (23 not out) stole a possible run, but all batsmen found scoring difficult on the soft turf and Pearce has so far batted 90 minutes.

Most progress during the day was made at Bristol, where Derbyshire were all out at no great cost, but Gloucestershire lost four wickets for less than a 100 and may be struggling for a first innings lead.

Sutcliffe's Son
W. H. Sutcliffe made a promising debut for Yorkshire with 55 runs in about two hours. Many of his strokes resembled those of his famous father, Herbert.

With A. B. Sellers, Sutcliffe engaged in a sixth wicket stand of 82 to retrieve matters after a collapse had set in following a century opening stand.

While there was no particular brilliant bowling feat, there was only one century during the day—Brooke's 100 for Northamptonshire—but there were several scores in the sixties and seventies. One of the most plucky being Averys' 48 not out for Essex after he had been forced to retire with four runs against his name through being struck on the face by a rising ball.

Close of play scores:
At Lords: Gentlemen 150 for four. Players to bat.

BRITISH DAKOTA CRASH

Paris, July 14.
Six badly burnt bodies were recovered tonight from the wreckage of a crashed British Dakota which hit the sea near Toulon, France, today. There were no survivors.

The bodies were those of four crew members and two passengers. The plane carried freight from Luga, Malta, and was stated by an air control official at Aix-en-Provence, who reported the crash, to have left Malta this morning for Marseilles.

Earlier, a Wellington aircraft took off from Margarin Airport near Marseilles, to search for the plane, while aircraft from Toulon Airport also joined in the search.

The French Navy sent yachts from Toulon to explore the passages around the point and a ground search of the hilly cape had begun.—Reuter.

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